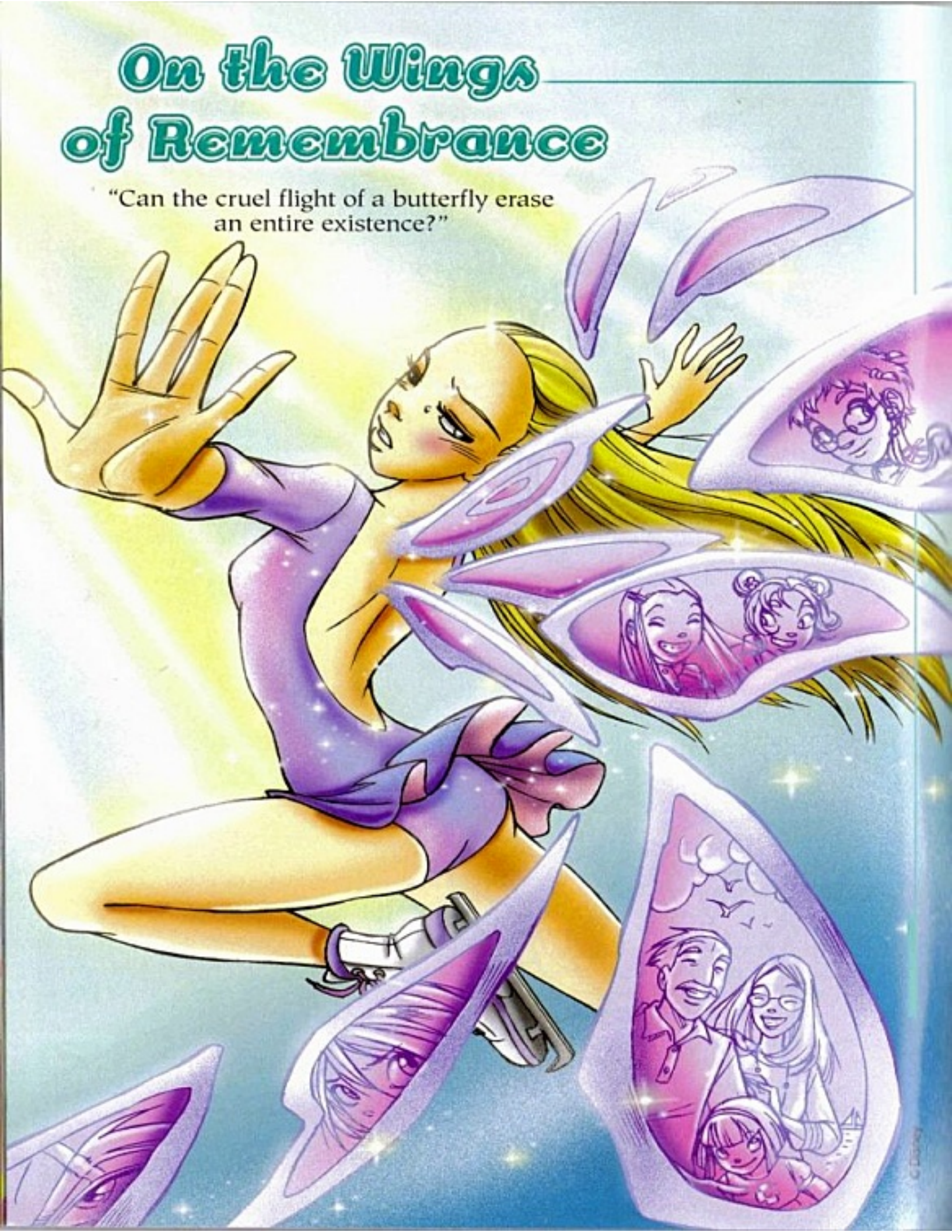
FAB GIFT: A funky headband with this ish!

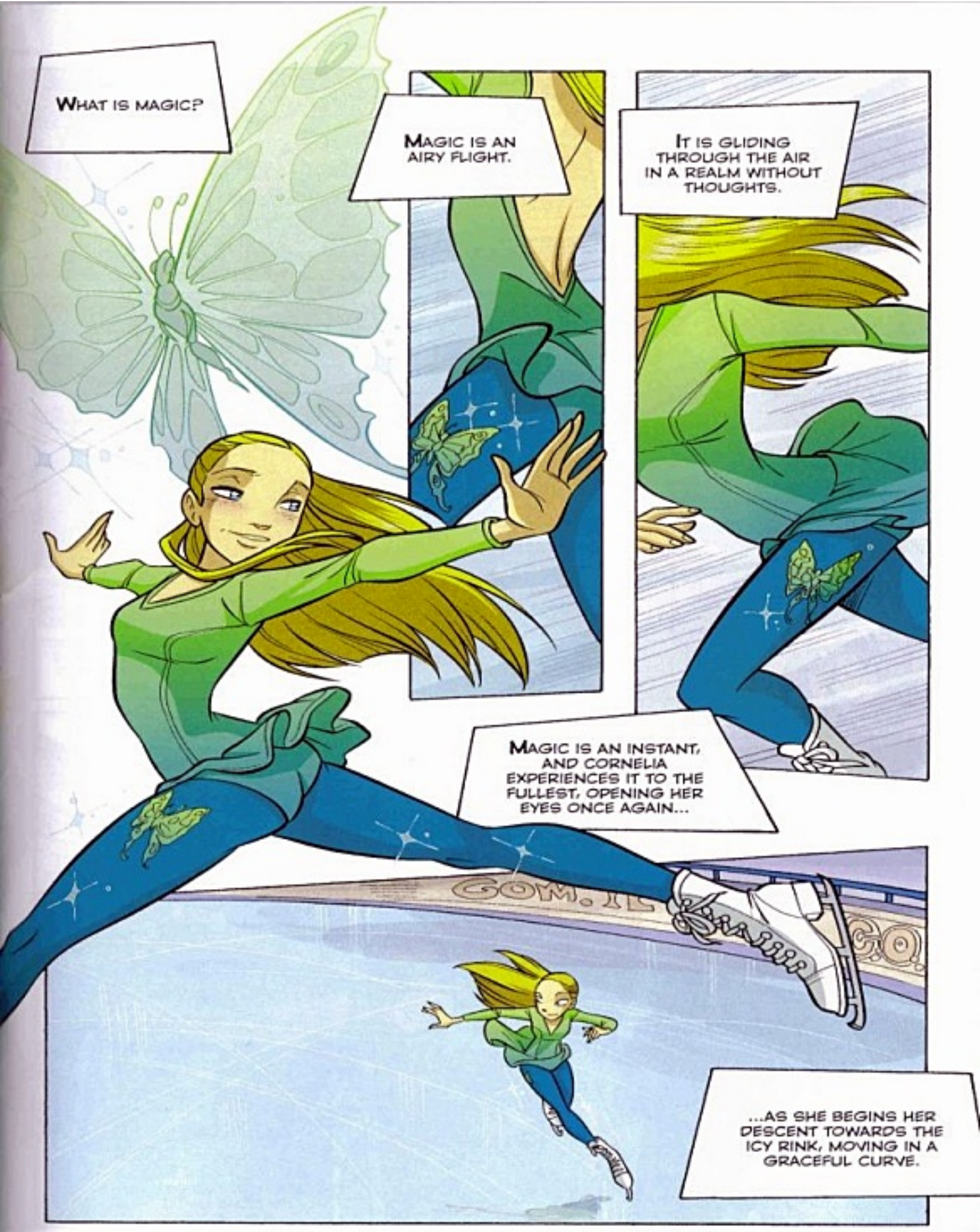
© Disney

ISSN 1592 0143
SUMMIT
www.witchmag.com.ph

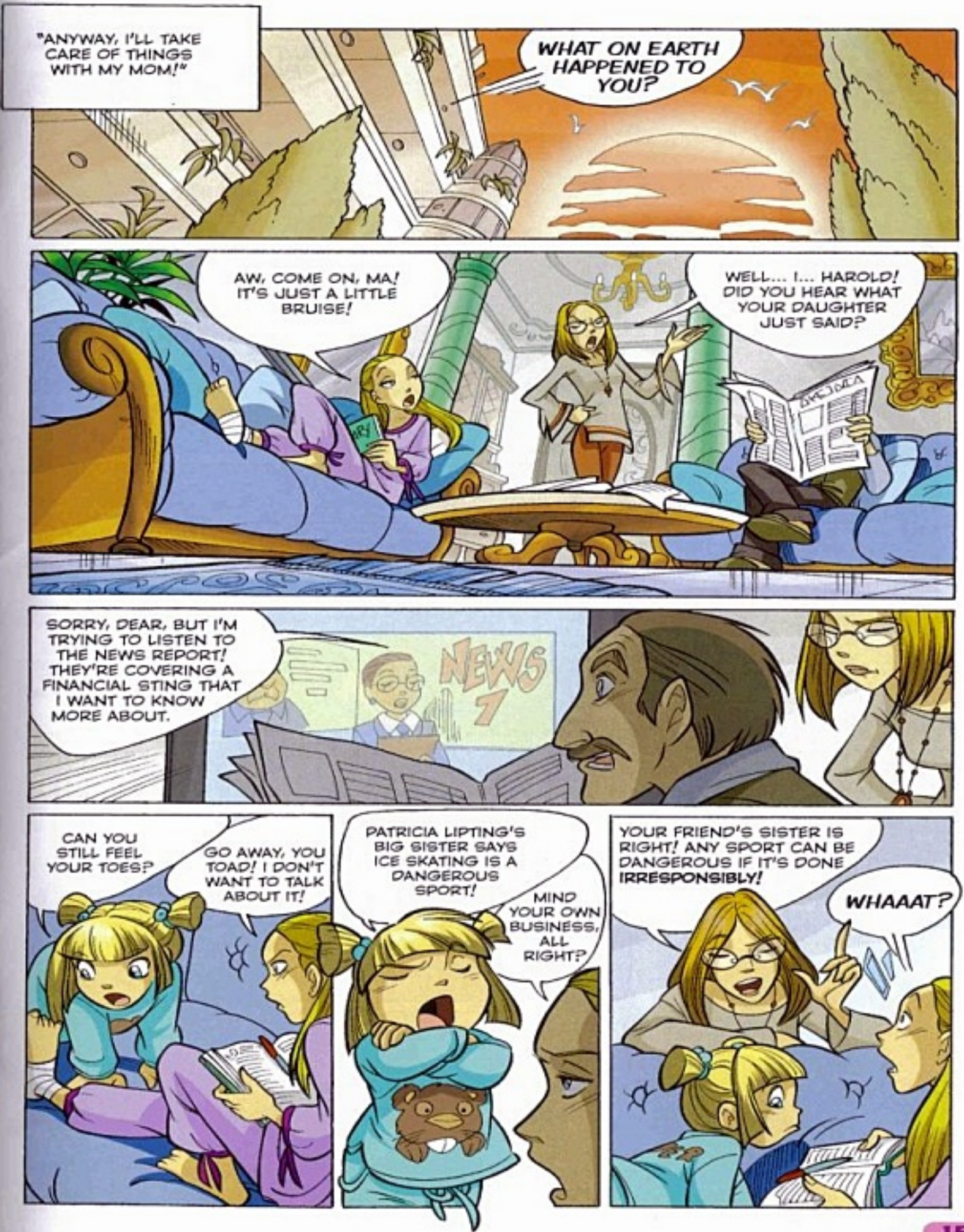
On the Wings of Remembrance

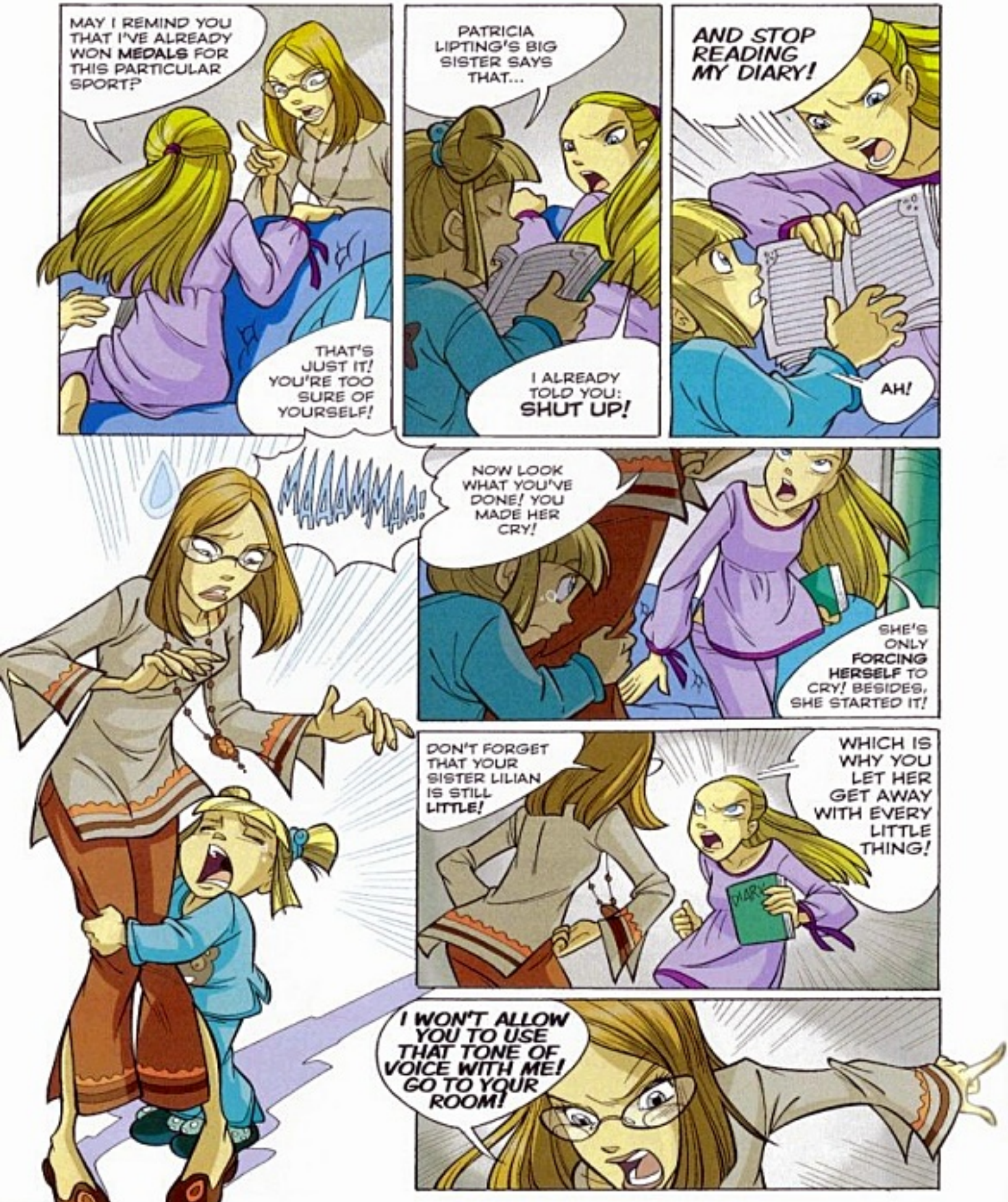
"Can the cruel flight of a butterfly erase an entire existence?"

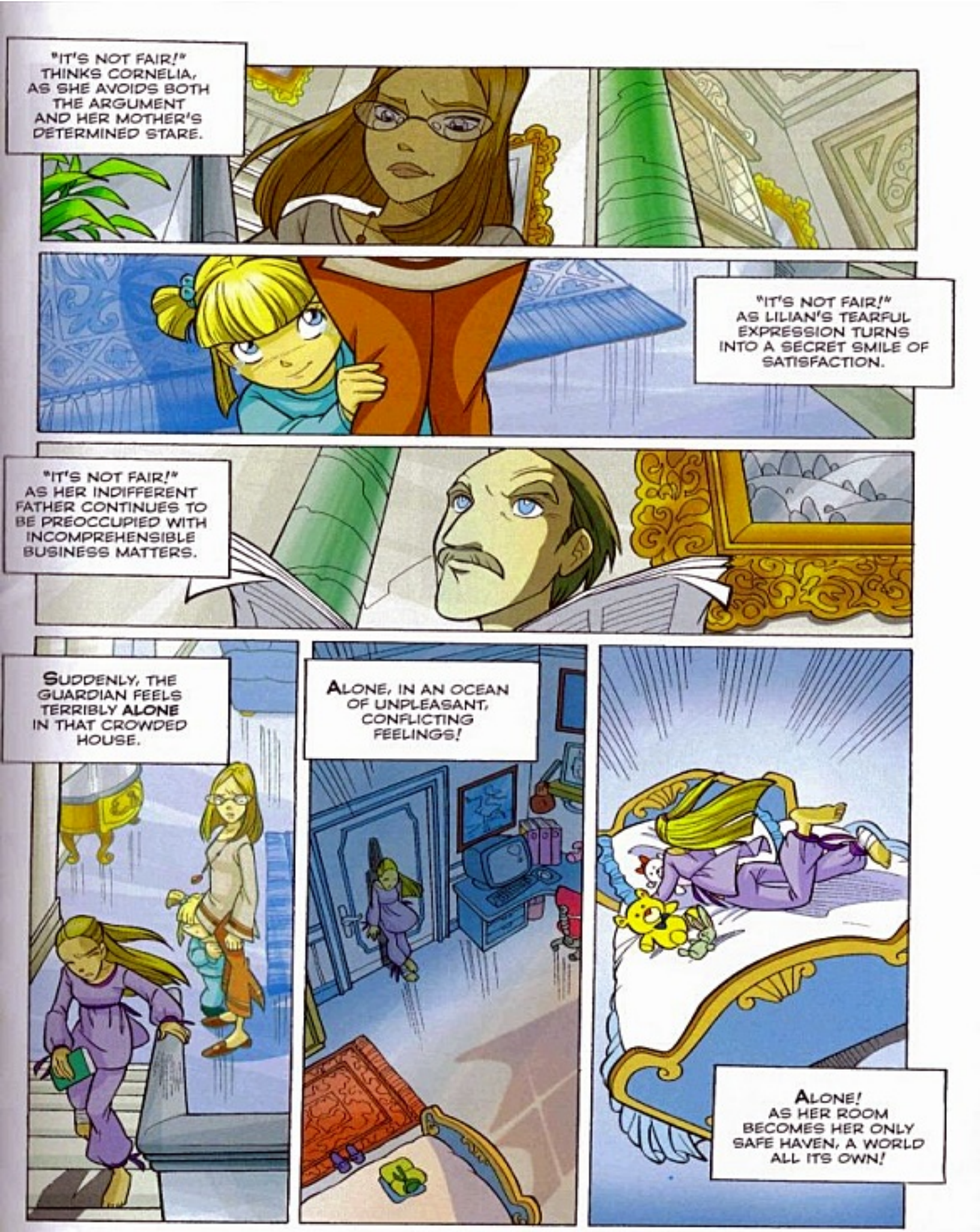



WHAT IS MAGIC?
MAGIC IS AN AIRY FLIGHT.
IT IS GLIDING THROUGH THE AIR IN A REALM WITHOUT THOUGHTS.
MAGIC IS AN INSTANT, AND CORNELIA EXPERIENCES IT TO THE FULLEST, OPENING HER EYES ONCE AGAIN...
...AS SHE BEGINS HER DESCENT TOWARDS THE ICY RINK, MOVING IN A GRACEFUL CURVE.

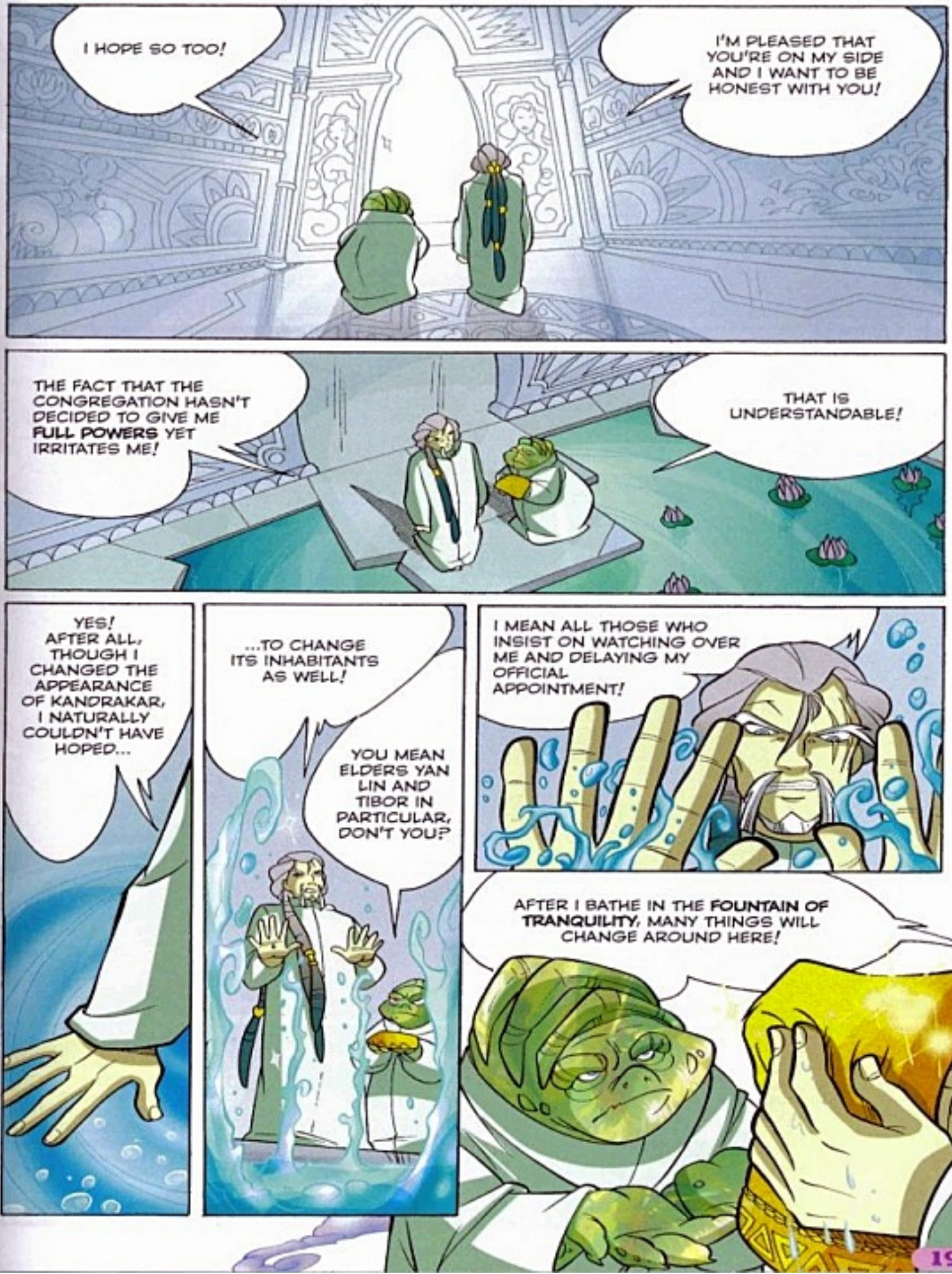
AH!
SKREEEITCH
CORNELIA!
ARE YOU OKAY? DID YOU TWIST ANYTHING?
I... I DON'T THINK SO, MISS FINNEY!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? MY BEST STUDENTS SHOULDN'T RISK IT LIKE THAT!
I'M SORRY! OUCH... I GUESS I GOT CARRIED AWAY!
YOUR MOM WILL KILL ME! REMEMBER HOW SHE REACTED WHEN YOU FELL DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIPS?
YEAH, BUT THIS TIME THERE'S NOTHING BROKEN! I'M SURE OF IT!


"ANYWAY, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS WITH MY MOM!"
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED TO YOU?
AW, COME ON, MA! IT'S JUST A LITTLE BRUISE!
WELL... I... HAROLD! DID YOU HEAR WHAT YOUR DAUGHTER JUST SAID?
SORRY, DEAR, BUT I'M TRYING TO LISTEN TO THE NEWS REPORT! THEY'RE COVERING A FINANCIAL STING THAT I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT.
NEWS 1
CAN YOU STILL FEEL YOUR TOES?
GO AWAY, YOU TOAD! I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT!
PATRICIA LIPTING'S BIG SISTER SAYS ICE SKATING IS A DANGEROUS SPORT!
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, ALL RIGHT?
YOUR FRIEND'S SISTER IS RIGHT! ANY SPORT CAN BE DANGEROUS IF IT'S DONE IRRESPONSIBLY!
WHAAAT?


MAY I REMIND YOU THAT I'VE ALREADY WON **MEDALS** FOR THIS PARTICULAR SPORT?
THAT'S JUST IT! YOU'RE TOO SURE OF YOURSELF!
PATRICIA LIPTING'S BIG SISTER SAYS THAT...
I ALREADY TOLD YOU: **SHUT UP!**
AND STOP READING MY DIARY!
AH!
MAAAMMA!
NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE! YOU MADE HER CRY!
SHE'S ONLY **FORCING HERSELF** TO CRY! BESIDES, SHE STARTED IT!
DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR SISTER LILIAN IS STILL **LITTLE!**
WHICH IS WHY YOU LET HER GET AWAY WITH EVERY LITTLE THING!
DIARY
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO USE THAT TONE OF VOICE WITH ME! GO TO YOUR ROOM!


"IT'S NOT FAIR!" THINKS CORNELIA, AS SHE AVOIDS BOTH THE ARGUMENT AND HER MOTHER'S DETERMINED STARE.
"IT'S NOT FAIR!" AS LILIAN'S TEARFUL EXPRESSION TURNS INTO A SECRET SMILE OF SATISFACTION.
"IT'S NOT FAIR!" AS HER INDIFFERENT FATHER CONTINUES TO BE PREOCCUPIED WITH INCOMPREHENSIBLE BUSINESS MATTERS.
SUDDENLY, THE GUARDIAN FEELS TERRIBLY **ALONE** IN THAT CROWDED HOUSE.
ALONE, IN AN OCEAN OF UNPLEASANT, CONFLICTING FEELINGS!
ALONE! AS HER ROOM BECOMES HER ONLY SAFE HAVEN, A WORLD ALL ITS OWN!

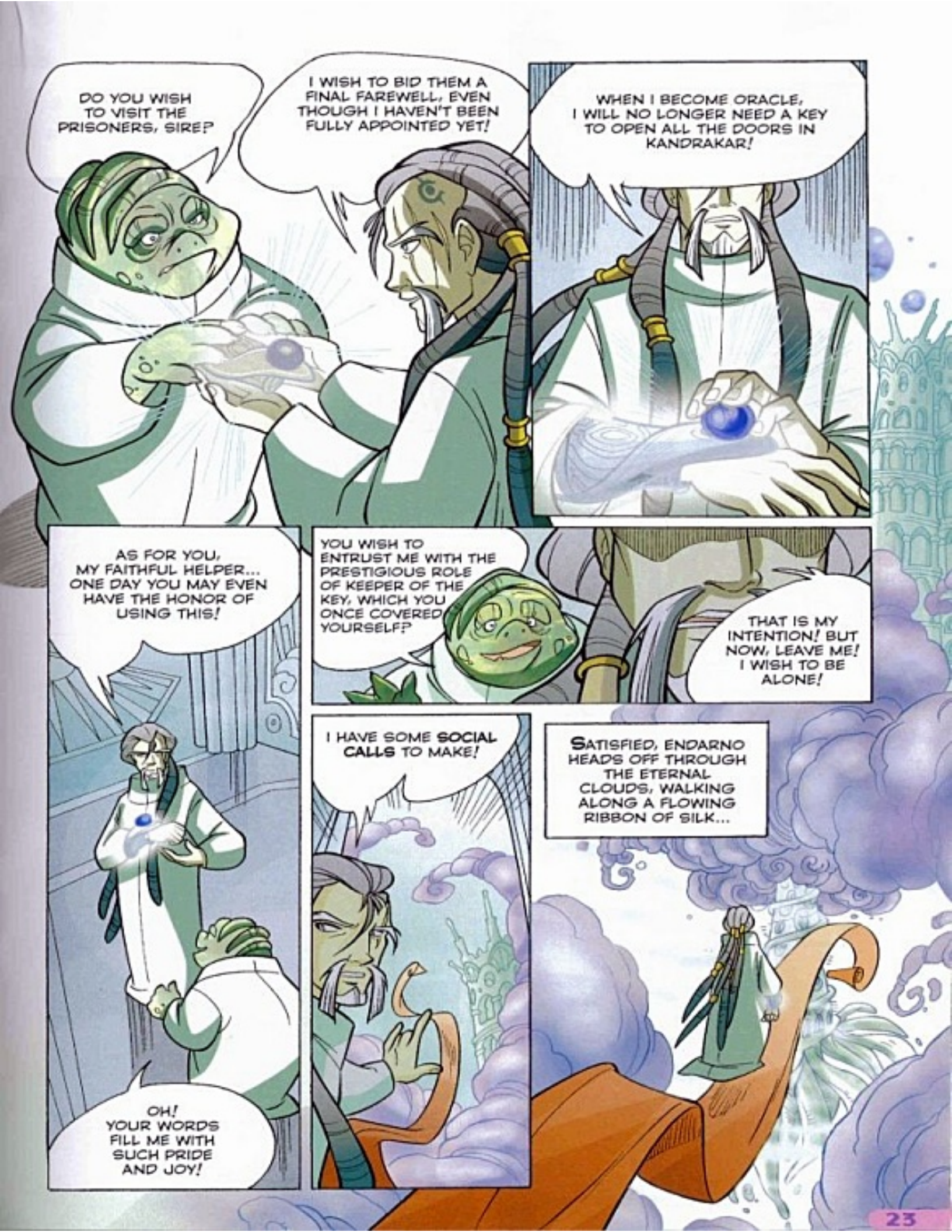
YET OUTSIDE OF THAT WORLD, FAR, FAR AWAY, EVEN IN KANDRAKAR, BEYOND SPACE AND TIME...
...SOMEONE IS WATCHING EVERYTHING WITH GREAT INTEREST.
EXCELLENT!
THE POWER THAT FLOWS THROUGH THIS BODY IS VIRTUALLY UNLIMITED!
I CAN WATCH THE GUARDIAN'S LIFE FROM AFAR, JUST BY WISHING IT! ALL I NEED TO DO IS WANT SOMETHING SO THAT IT...
WISE ENDARNO...
AH! VAAL!
COME IN, MY LOYAL ADVISOR! I HOPE THAT SOON YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SIMPLY CALL ME... ORACLE!

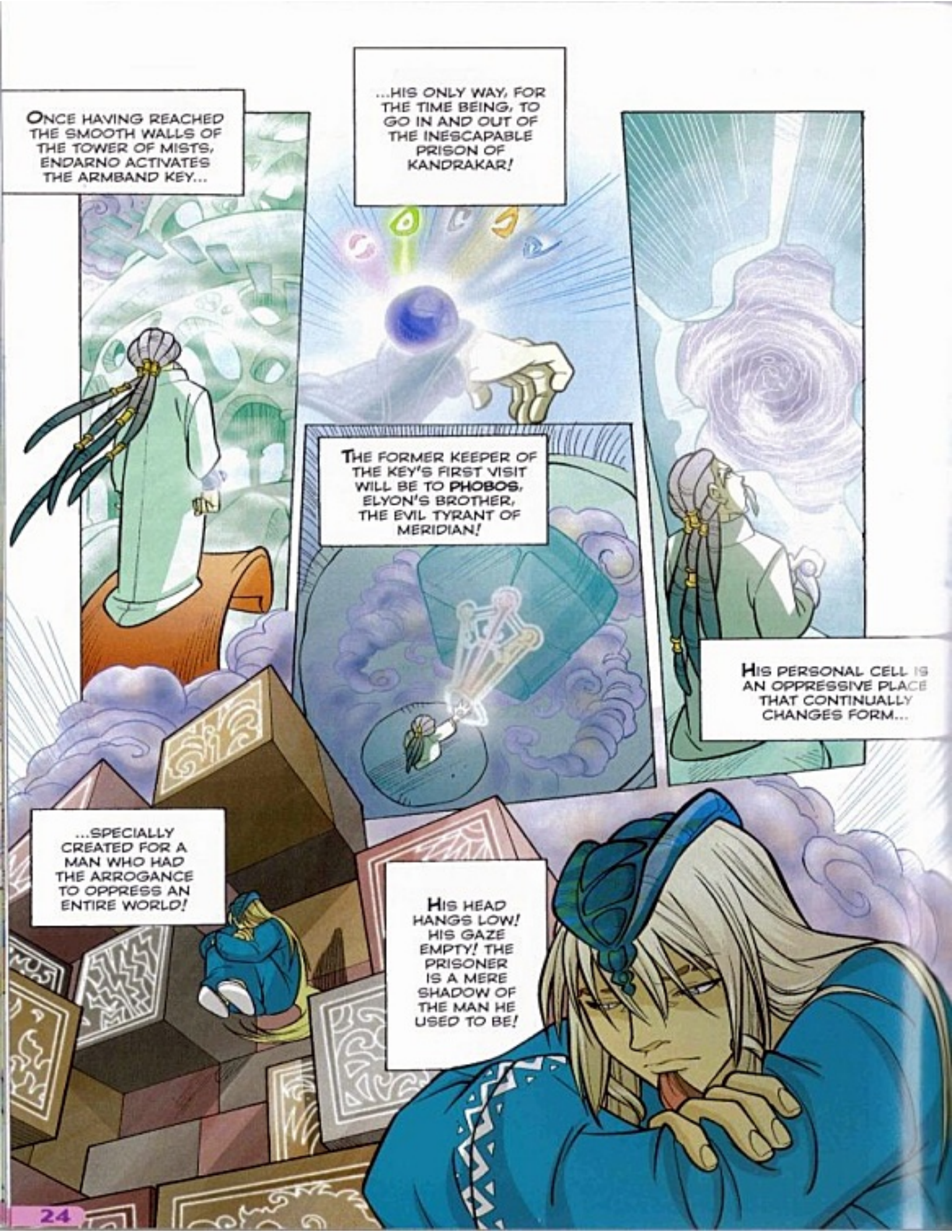

I HOPE SO TOO!
I'M PLEASED THAT YOU'RE ON MY SIDE AND I WANT TO BE HONEST WITH YOU!
THE FACT THAT THE CONGREGATION HASN'T DECIDED TO GIVE ME **FULL POWERS** YET IRRITATES ME!
THAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE!
YES! AFTER ALL, THOUGH I CHANGED THE APPEARANCE OF KANDRAKAR, I NATURALLY COULDN'T HAVE HOPED...
...TO CHANGE ITS INHABITANTS AS WELL!
YOU MEAN ELDERS YAN LIN AND TIBOR IN PARTICULAR, DON'T YOU?
I MEAN ALL THOSE WHO INSIST ON WATCHING OVER ME AND DELAYING MY OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT!
AFTER I BATHE IN THE **FOUNTAIN OF TRANQUILITY**, MANY THINGS WILL CHANGE AROUND HERE!

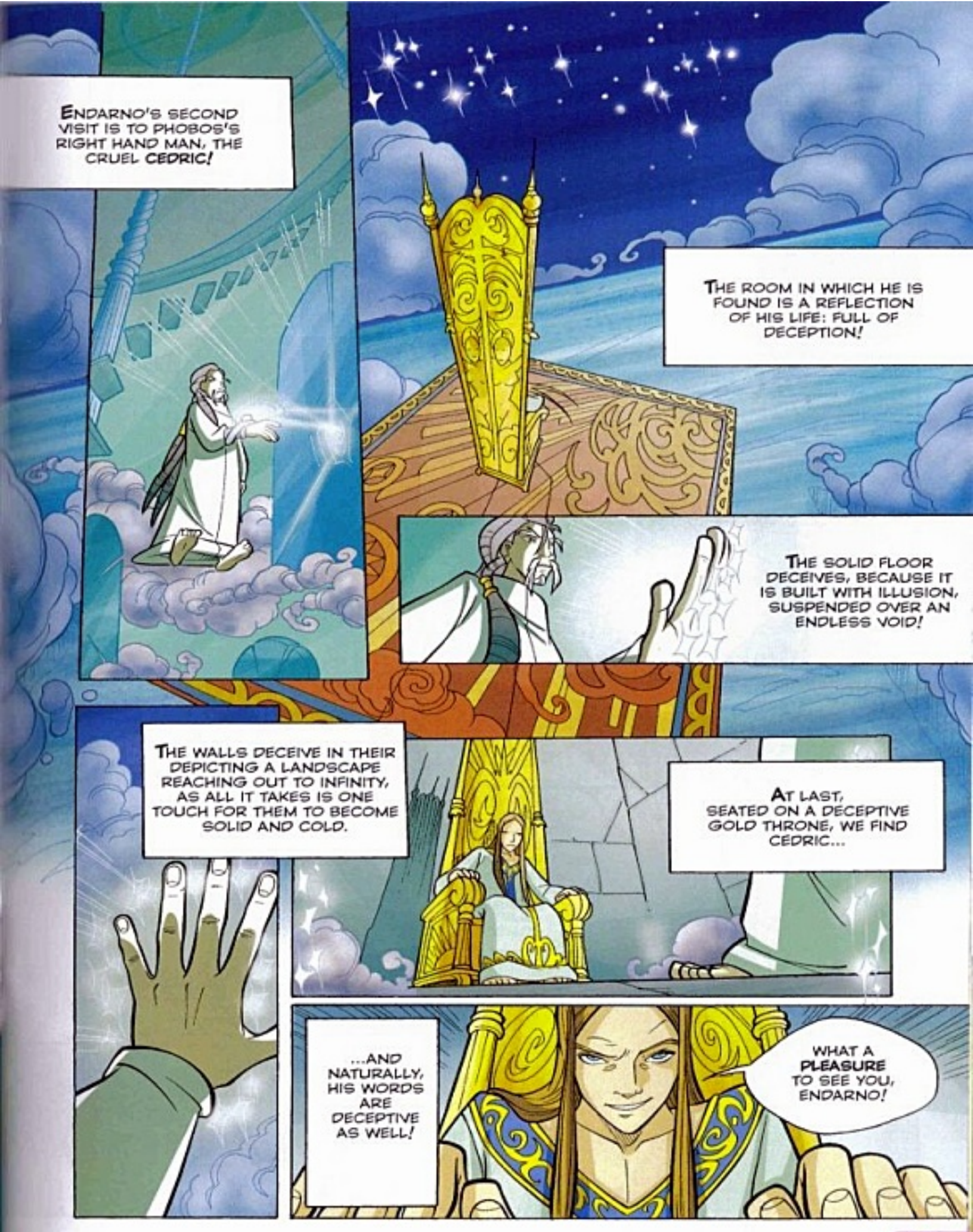
YET LET US NOT WASTE TIME WITH IDLE CHATTER! LET US LEAVE THE HALL OF STILLNESS AND GO IMMEDIATELY...
...TO THE HALL OF TEMPESTS!
T-CLACK
AH!
GRUNT!
AGH!
JARINA AND MORIANGE, WARRIOR PRINCESSES FROM THE TRANSFORMED WORLDS! TWO NEW CANDIDATES WHOM I HAVE PERSONALLY SELECTED!
TRULY SPLENDID AND CAPABLE! EXCELLENT WORK!

IF THEY PROVE THEMSELVES WORTHY, THEY WILL CERTAINLY BECOME EXCELLENT **GUARDIANS!**
THAT IS, IF THE CURRENT KEEPER OF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR GIVES UP HER TITLE!
THAT'S INEVITABLE! SOON WILL **SHALL REALIZE** THAT SHE CAN NO LONGER BEAR THE POWERS OF THE PENDANT!
THEY CONSIDER IT A GREAT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO HAVE A DAUGHTER WHO IS A GUARDIAN!
SO DO THE GIRLS, IT WOULD SEEM! THEY'RE GIVING IT THEIR ALL! EXCELLENT!
...UNLIKE THE WORLDS WHERE OUR ASPIRING NEW CANDIDATES ARE FROM!
MY PREDECESSOR MADE A GREAT ERROR WHEN HE SELECTED MERE GIRLS TO BE THE GUARDIANS!
NOT TO MENTION HEATHERFIELD IS OBLIVIOUS TO THE EXISTENCE OF OUR WORLD AND THE GUARDIANS...
IN FACT, I SEE THAT THEIR FAMILIES ARE ANXIOUSLY WATCHING FROM THE STANDS!
THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN HEALTHY COMPETITION TO INCREASE THE POWER OF THE **NEW GROUP!**

WHO ARE THOSE MYSTERIOUS, IMMACULATE CREATURES NEAR THE FAMILIES?
THOSE ARE THE **WHITE HERALDS**, SIRE!
BUT YOU SHOULD RECOGNIZE THEM! IT WAS **YOU** WHO CALLED FOR THEIR CREATION, LONG AGO!
AH, YES! NOW I RECALL...
FORGIVE ME! MY MEMORY IS STILL WEAK FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE **PURIFICATION** CEREMONY!
NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE, SIRE!
YOU SEE, THE CONGREGATION WAS RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT THE ENTRANCE OF MORTAL CREATURES IN KANDRAKAR!
SO YOU SUGGESTED ENTRUSTING THE HERALDS WITH THE ROLE OF PERSONAL GUARDS!
YES! EVERY HERALD ENSURES THE MORAL AND PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF THE GUEST THAT HE ACCOMPANIES!
OF COURSE! THEY ACT AS GUIDES IN THEIR DIFFICULT JOURNEY THROUGH DIMENSIONS WHEN JOURNEYING TO AND FROM THE FORTRESS!
WELL DONE, VAAL! SEEING AS YOU'RE SO EFFICIENT, GIVE ME THE **KEY** TO THE TOWER OF MISTS AT ONCE!
?


DO YOU WISH TO VISIT THE PRISONERS, SIRE?
I WISH TO BID THEM A FINAL FAREWELL, EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T BEEN FULLY APPOINTED YET!
WHEN I BECOME ORACLE, I WILL NO LONGER NEED A KEY TO OPEN ALL THE DOORS IN KANDRAKAR!
AS FOR YOU, MY FAITHFUL HELPER... ONE DAY YOU MAY EVEN HAVE THE HONOR OF USING THIS!
YOU WISH TO ENTRUST ME WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS ROLE OF KEEPER OF THE KEY, WHICH YOU ONCE COVERED YOURSELF?
THAT IS MY INTENTION! BUT NOW, LEAVE ME! I WISH TO BE ALONE!
OH! YOUR WORDS FILL ME WITH SUCH PRIDE AND JOY!
I HAVE SOME **SOCIAL CALLS** TO MAKE!
SATISFIED, ENDARNO HEADS OFF THROUGH THE ETERNAL CLOUDS, WALKING ALONG A FLOWING RIBBON OF SILK...


ONCE HAVING REACHED THE SMOOTH WALLS OF THE TOWER OF MISTS, ENDARNO ACTIVATES THE ARMBAND KEY...
...HIS ONLY WAY, FOR THE TIME BEING, TO GO IN AND OUT OF THE INESCAPABLE PRISON OF KANDRAKAR!
THE FORMER KEEPER OF THE KEY'S FIRST VISIT WILL BE TO PHOBOS, ELYON'S BROTHER, THE EVIL TYRANT OF MERIDIAN!
HIS PERSONAL CELL IS AN OPPRESSIVE PLACE THAT CONTINUALLY CHANGES FORM...
...SPECIALLY CREATED FOR A MAN WHO HAD THE ARROGANCE TO OPPRESS AN ENTIRE WORLD!
HIS HEAD HANGS LOW! HIS GAZE EMPTY! THE PRISONER IS A MERE SHADOW OF THE MAN HE USED TO BE!


ENDARNO'S SECOND VISIT IS TO PHOBOS'S RIGHT HAND MAN, THE CRUEL CEDRIC!
THE ROOM IN WHICH HE IS FOUND IS A REFLECTION OF HIS LIFE: FULL OF DECEPTION!
THE SOLID FLOOR DECEIVES, BECAUSE IT IS BUILT WITH ILLUSION, SUSPENDED OVER AN ENDLESS VOID!
THE WALLS DECEIVE IN THEIR DEPICTING A LANDSCAPE REACHING OUT TO INFINITY, AS ALL IT TAKES IS ONE TOUCH FOR THEM TO BECOME SOLID AND COLD.
AT LAST, SEATED ON A DECEPTIVE GOLD THRONE, WE FIND CEDRIC...
...AND NATURALLY, HIS WORDS ARE DECEPTIVE AS WELL!
WHAT A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU, ENDARNO!

THE TOWER OF MISTS HAS NOT BROKEN YOUR SPIRIT, I SEE! YOU'RE AS **INSOLENT** AS EVER!
SUCH HONESTY IS STRANGE, COMING FROM AN ELDER OF KANDRAKAR!

YOU ELDERS DON'T SPEAK THAT WAY! TO SAY THE SIMPLEST THINGS, YOU USE INCOMPREHENSIBLE LANGUAGE!

HA! HA! HA! ACTUALLY, YOU'RE RIGHT! WE'RE SUCH BORES!

WHAT I SAID AMUSES YOU?
IT CERTAINLY DOES! YOU WISH TO **STRIKE ME**, DON'T YOU?

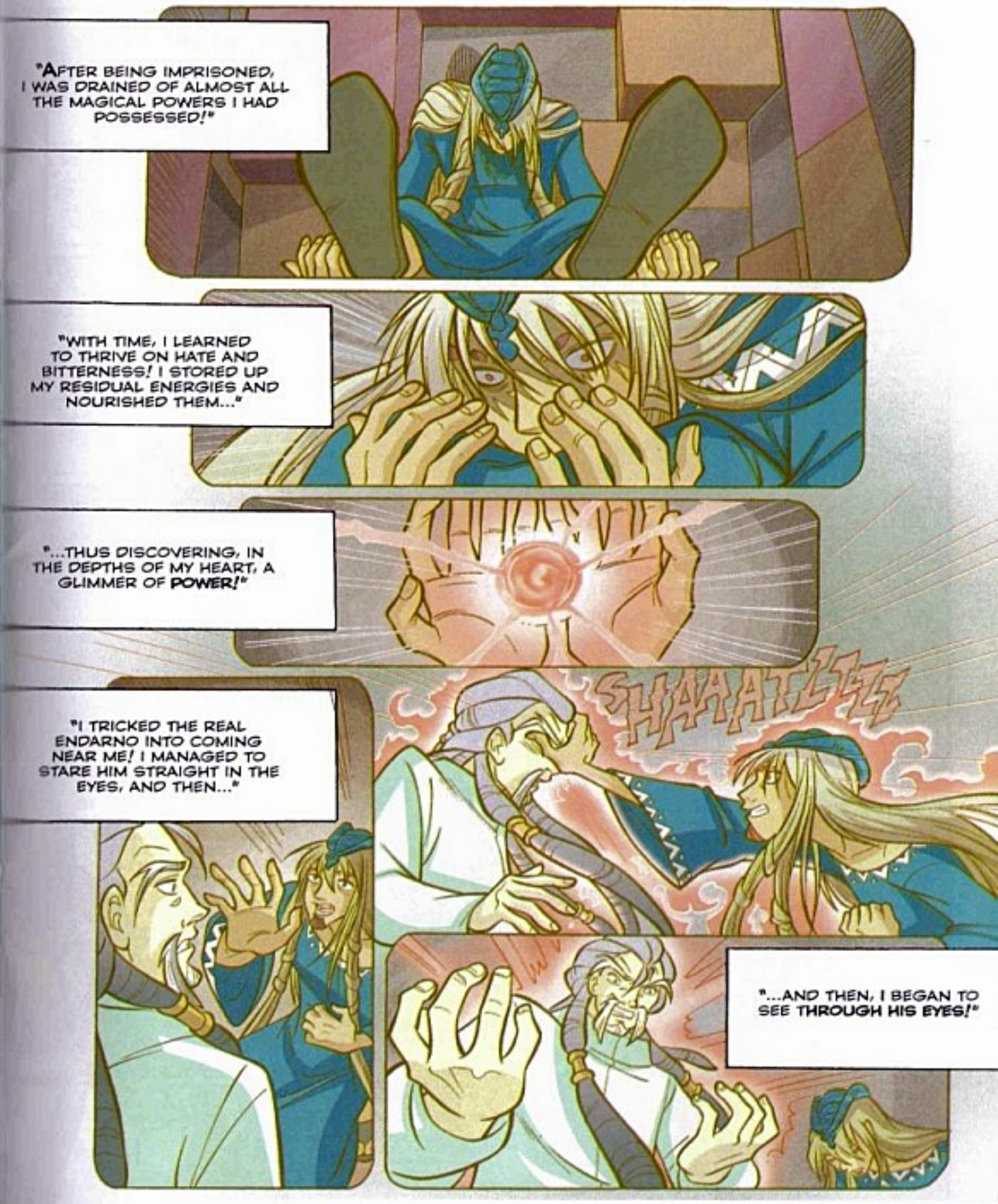
WHAT?
AS OF THIS MOMENT, I AM HOLDING THE SPELL THAT KEEPS YOU FROM STRANGLING ME! AREN'T YOU PLEASED?

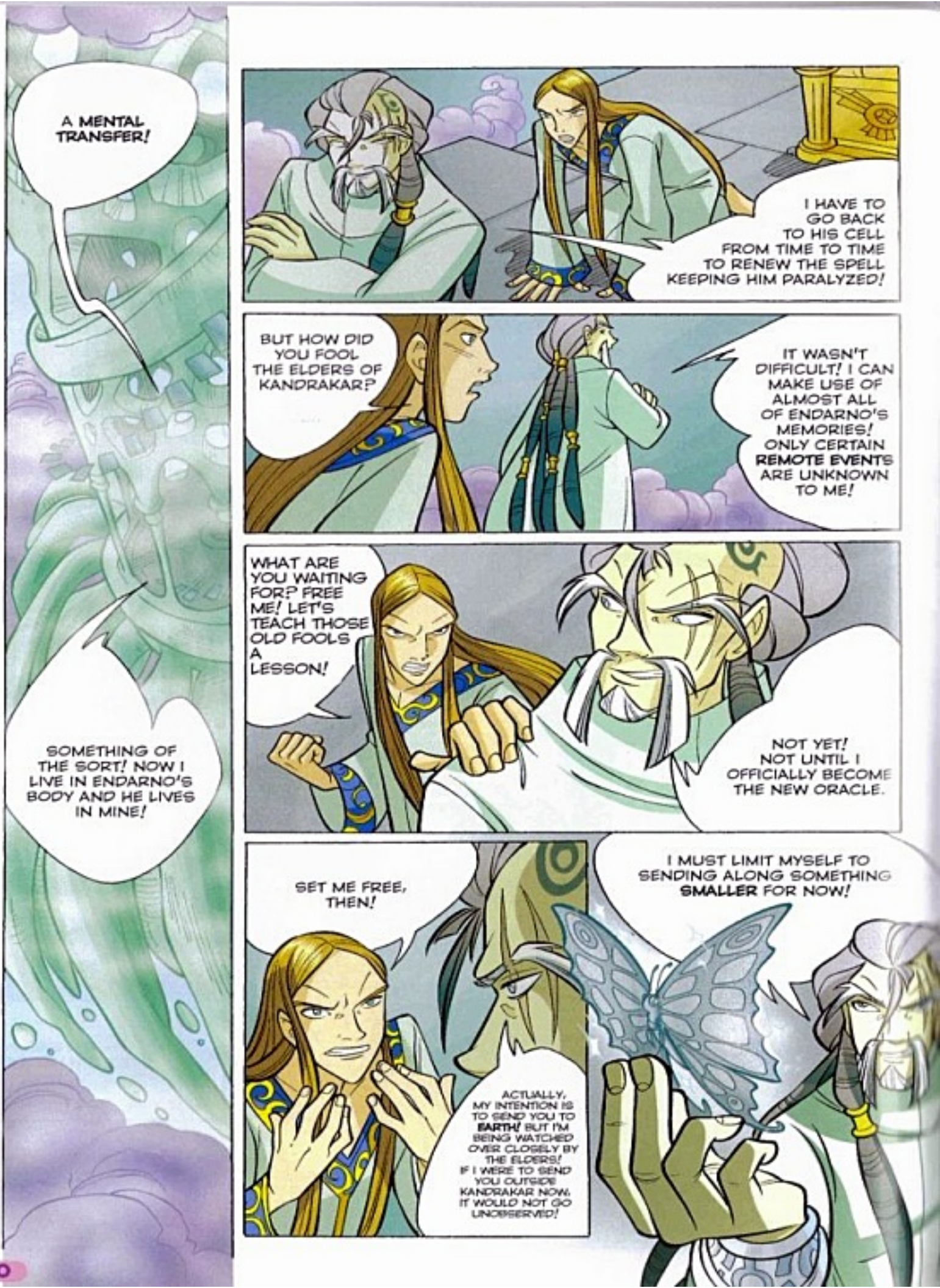
TRYING TO PUT ME TO THE TEST, ARE YOU? I NEVER IMAGINED YOU AS BEING SO SADISTIC!
WHILE I DON'T REMEMBER YOU AS BEING SO RELUCTANT TO REACT...

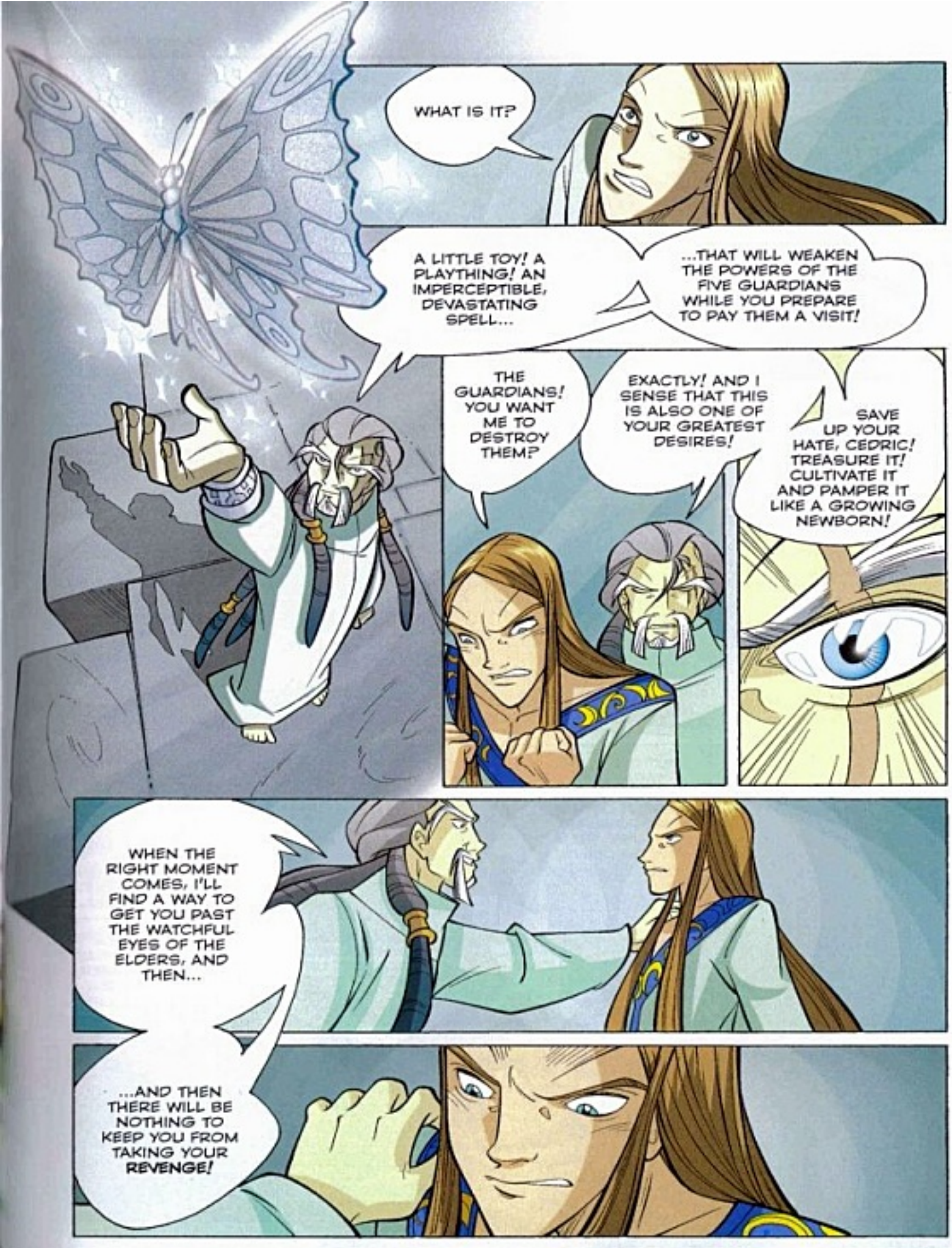
...NOR SO **COWARDLY!**

WHY, YOU ROTTEN...
SHAARATZZZZZ
AAARRRGH!
AAAH!
ZZZRAAAATZZ
LOOK AT ME CAREFULLY, YOU FOOL! DON'T YOU NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT ME?
NO, I DON'T MEAN MY LANGUAGE, NOR MY APPEARANCE! LOOK DEEPER! DEEPER!
RAAAGRR!
YES! ONLY NOW, WHILE YOU SUFFER LIKE A DOG, DO YOU BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND! BECAUSE MY TRUE ESSENCE...
CAN ONLY BE SEEN THROUGH SUFFERING AND PAIN!
ZZZRAAAATZZZRAAAATZZZRAAAATZZ
NNNGH!
AH!

IT... IT CAN'T BE! Y-YOU'RE... YOU'RE.... YOU C-CAN'T BE...
...PHOBOS?
AH, YOU'VE FINALLY UNDERSTOOD! I WAS AFRAID I'D HAVE TO KILL YOU TO MAKE YOU SEE THE TRUTH!
OH, SIRE! F-FORGIVE ME! YOU'RE SO... SO...
ALTHOUGH VERY SOON I'LL BE **FAR MORE POWERFUL!**
I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW DID YOU GET HERE? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO ESCAPE FROM THE CELLS OF THE TOWER OF MISTS!
OH, BUT I DIDN'T ESCAPE! IN FACT, MY **BODY** IS STILL LOCKED UP IN AN IMPENETRABLE CELL!
DIFFERENT? I, INSTEAD, WOULD SAY **POWERFUL!** YES, THAT IS THE WORD THAT DOES ME JUSTICE!
?


"AFTER BEING IMPRISONED, I WAS DRAINED OF ALMOST ALL THE MAGICAL POWERS I HAD POSSESSED!"
"WITH TIME, I LEARNED TO THRIVE ON HATE AND BITTERNESS! I STORED UP MY RESIDUAL ENERGIES AND NOURISHED THEM..."
"...THUS DISCOVERING, IN THE DEPTHS OF MY HEART, A GLIMMER OF POWER!"
"I TRICKED THE REAL ENDARNO INTO COMING NEAR ME! I MANAGED TO STARE HIM STRAIGHT IN THE EYES, AND THEN..."
SHAAATLLL
"...AND THEN, I BEGAN TO SEE THROUGH HIS EYES!"

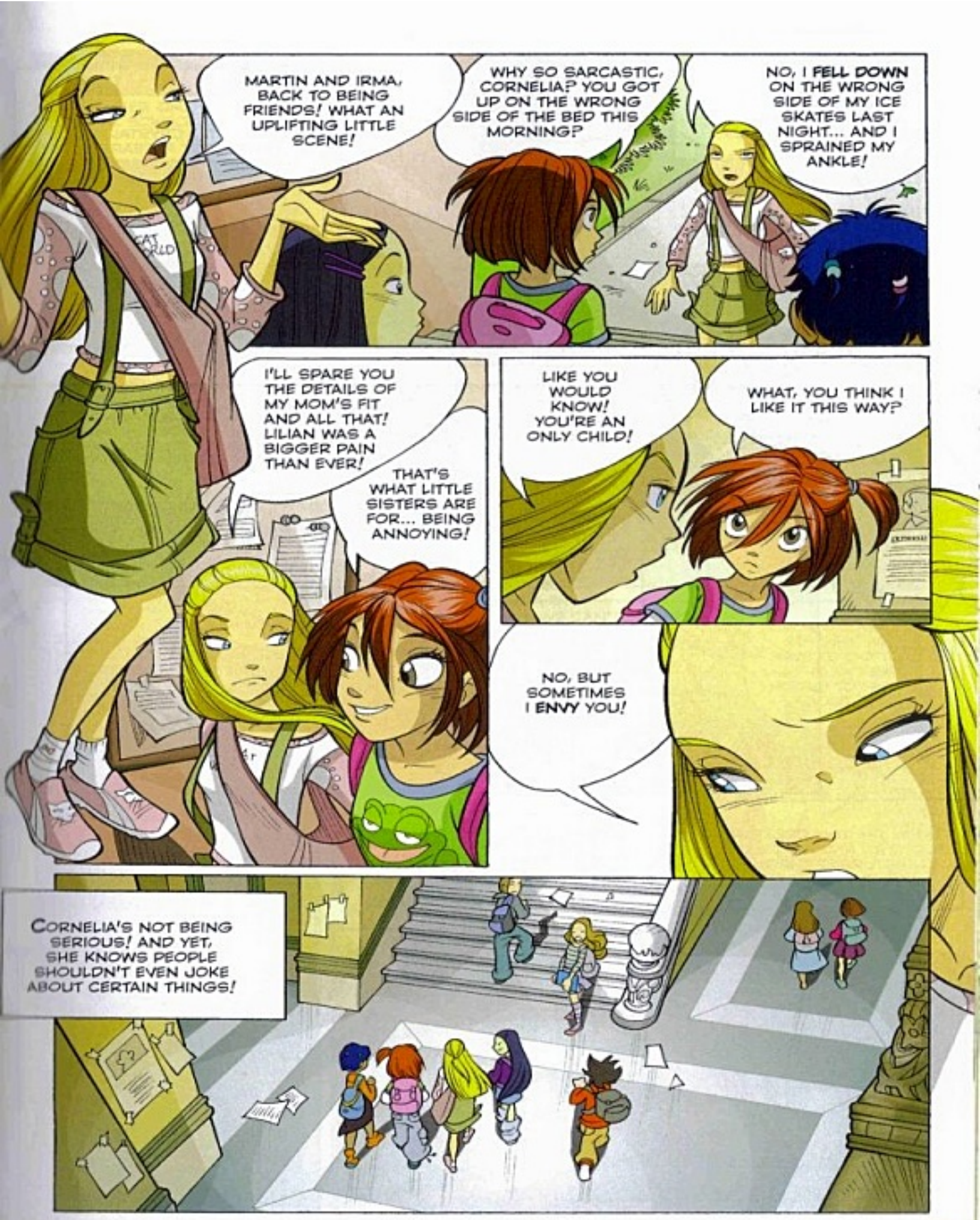

A MENTAL TRANSFER!
SOMETHING OF THE SORT! NOW I LIVE IN ENDARNO'S BODY AND HE LIVES IN MINE!
I HAVE TO GO BACK TO HIS CELL FROM TIME TO TIME TO RENEW THE SPELL KEEPING HIM PARALYZED!
BUT HOW DID YOU FOOL THE ELDERS OF KANDRAKAR?
IT WASN'T DIFFICULT! I CAN MAKE USE OF ALMOST ALL OF ENDARNO'S MEMORIES! ONLY CERTAIN REMOTE EVENTS ARE UNKNOWN TO ME!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? FREE ME! LET'S TEACH THOSE OLD FOOLS A LESSON!
NOT YET! NOT UNTIL I OFFICIALLY BECOME THE NEW ORACLE.
SET ME FREE, THEN!
ACTUALLY, MY INTENTION IS TO SEND YOU TO EARTH! BUT I'M BEING WATCHED OVER CLOSELY BY THE ELDERS! IF I WERE TO SEND YOU OUTSIDE KANDRAKAR NOW, IT WOULD NOT GO UNOBSERVED!
I MUST LIMIT MYSELF TO SENDING ALONG SOMETHING SMALLER FOR NOW!

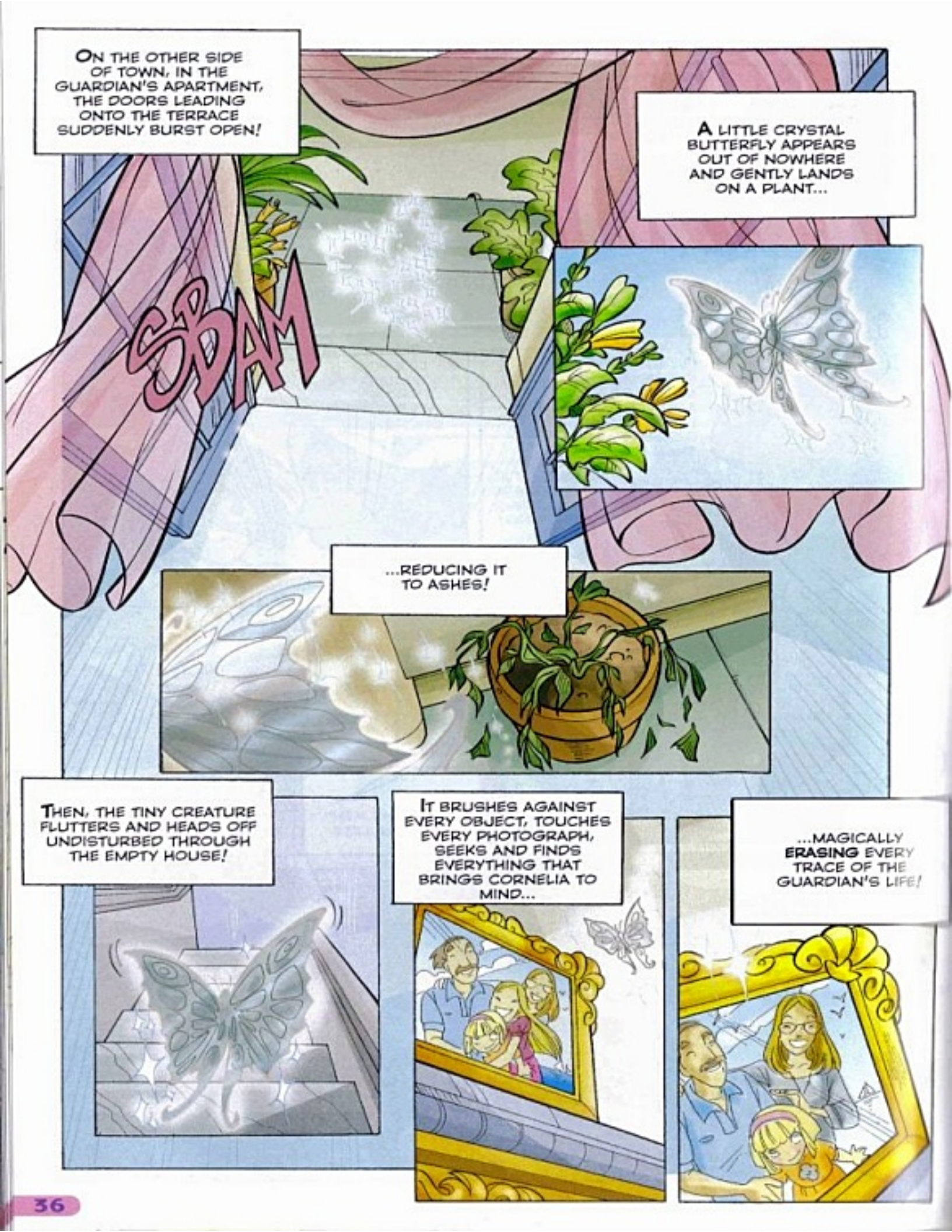

WHAT IS IT?
A LITTLE TOY! A PLAYTHING! AN IMPERCEPTIBLE, DEVASTATING SPELL...
...THAT WILL WEAKEN THE POWERS OF THE FIVE GUARDIANS WHILE YOU PREPARE TO PAY THEM A VISIT!
THE GUARDIANS! YOU WANT ME TO DESTROY THEM?
EXACTLY! AND I SENSE THAT THIS IS ALSO ONE OF YOUR GREATEST DESIRES!
SAVE UP YOUR HATE, CEDRIC! TREASURE IT! CULTIVATE IT AND PAMPER IT LIKE A GROWING NEWBORN!
WHEN THE RIGHT MOMENT COMES, I'LL FIND A WAY TO GET YOU PAST THE WATCHFUL EYES OF THE ELDERS, AND THEN...
...AND THEN THERE WILL BE NOTHING TO KEEP YOU FROM TAKING YOUR REVENGE!

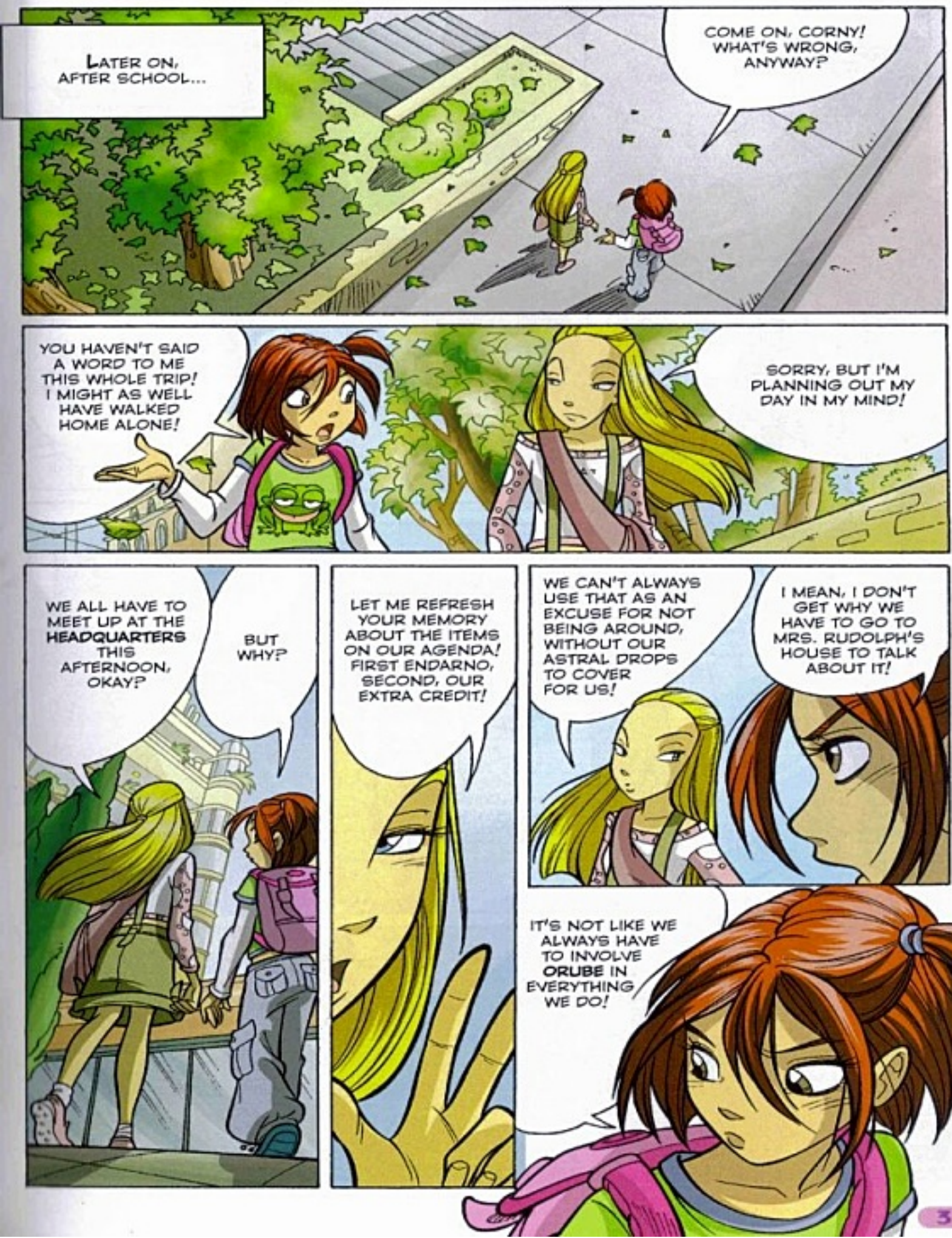
EARLY MORNING IN HEATHERFIELD. A TYPICAL DAY... OR RATHER, A TYPICAL DAY AFTER...
...THAT IS, THE DAY AFTER HAVING TO EARN EXTRA CREDIT WITH ENDLESS WALKS AROUND THE CITY MUSEUM.
I SWEAR, IT WAS AWFUL!
EXPLAINING 12TH CENTURY SCULPTURAL ART TO 26 HYPERACTIVE LITTLE KIDS WAS EXHAUSTING!
OH, DON'T EXAGGERATE, HAY LIN!
BUT IT'S TRUE, TARANEE! I EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT USING MY POWERS TO MAKE THEM SETTLE DOWN!
IT'S A GOOD THING YOU DIDN'T!
THE NEW ORACLE IS KEEPING AN EYE ON US AND ONE FALSE MOVE COULD GET US INTO SERIOUS TROUBLE!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WE NEED TO MEET UP AFTER SCHOOL TO TALK ABOUT ENDARNO!
HMM... YES, WILL! BUT LATER! LATER...

WHAT'S UP WITH HER?
CAN'T YOU SEE? SHE'S FOLLOWING MARTIN!
WOW! NORMALLY HE'S THE ONE FOLLOWING HER!
AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE OUR ASTRAL DROPS HAVE CAUSED, EVERYTHING'S CHANGED!
COME ON, MARTIN! HOLD ON A SECOND! YOU CAN'T GO ON IGNORING ME!
YES I CAN, IRMA! I'M TIRED OF YOU RUNNING HOT AND COLD!
FIRST YOU TALK TO ME THEN YOU TELL ME TO GET LOST! WHY SHOULD I LET YOU PUSH ME AROUND? I'VE GOT A HEART, TOO, YOU KNOW!
ARE YOU SAYING YOU STILL LIKE ME?
I... I NEVER SAID THAT... ALTHOUGH I'VE TRIED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IN A MILLION DIFFERENT WAYS!
ALL RIGHT! I PROMISE I WON'T SEND YOU ANY MORE MIXED SIGNALS, BUT SWEAR THAT THINGS WON'T CHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO OF US!

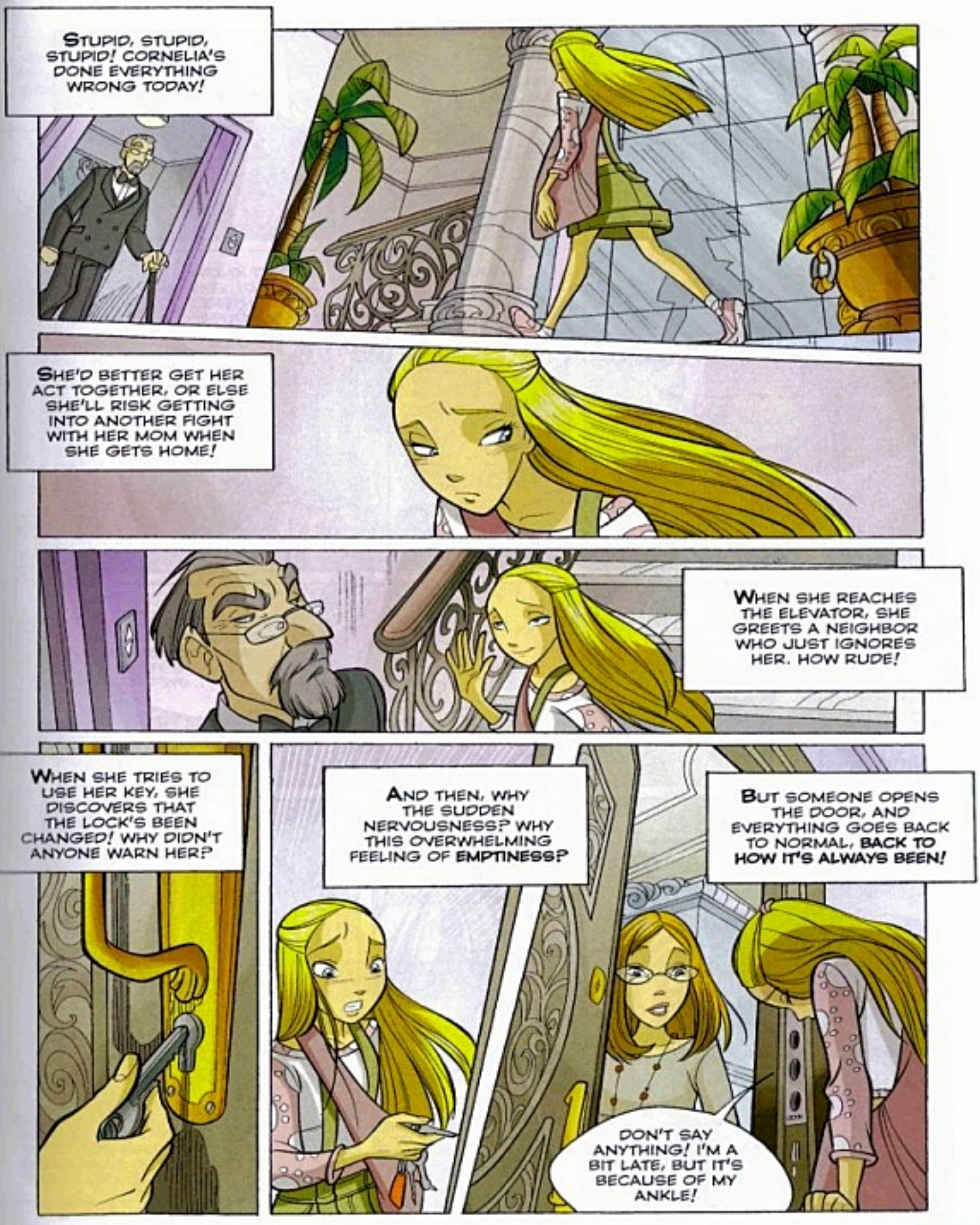
YOU MEAN THAT FROM NOW ON, WE'LL ONLY BE FRIENDS?
I MEAN THAT WE'LL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS! ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
HMM...
AND ON YOUR OWN, PERSONAL AND VERY DEBATABLE CHART, HOW DO I RANK?
WELL, LET'S SEE... AMONG THE COUNTLESS MALE FRIENDS I'VE GOT...
...YOU'RE NUMBER ONE AND THE ONLY ONE ON THE LIST!
HEY!
THEN THERE'S STILL HOPE!
MARTIN...
TONIGHT I'M PLAYING WITH MY BAND, THE HAPPY PLANTIGRADES! WANT TO COME WITH ME?
TRY NOT TO PUSH IT, OKAY?

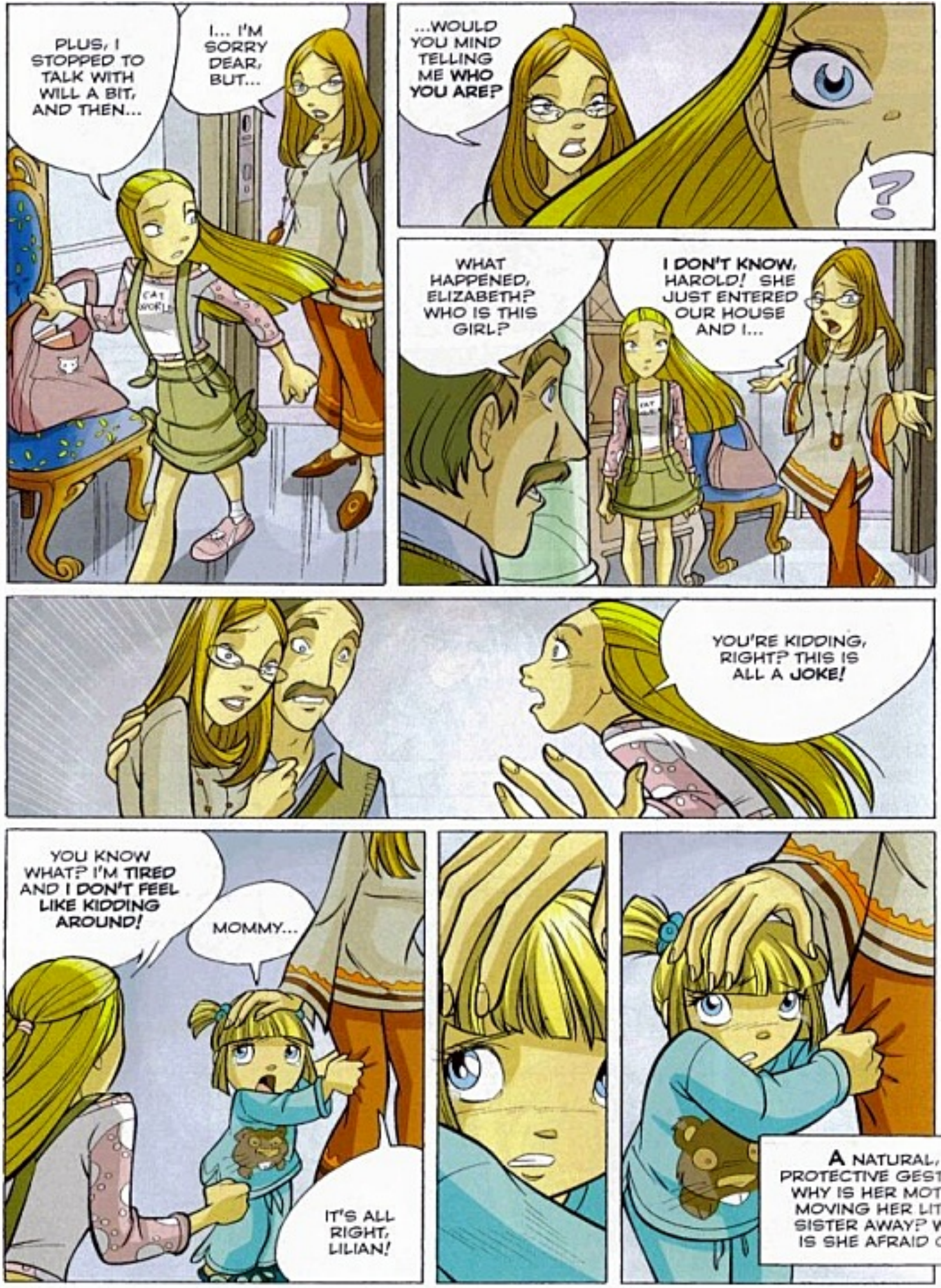

MARTIN AND IRMA, BACK TO BEING FRIENDS! WHAT AN UPLIFTING LITTLE SCENE!
WHY SO SARCASTIC, CORNELIA? YOU GOT UP ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE BED THIS MORNING?
NO, I FELL DOWN ON THE WRONG SIDE OF MY ICE SKATES LAST NIGHT... AND I SPRAINED MY ANKLE!
I'LL SPARE YOU THE DETAILS OF MY MOM'S FIT AND ALL THAT! LILIAN WAS A BIGGER PAIN THAN EVER!
THAT'S WHAT LITTLE SISTERS ARE FOR... BEING ANNOYING!
LIKE YOU WOULD KNOW! YOU'RE AN ONLY CHILD!
WHAT, YOU THINK I LIKE IT THIS WAY?
NO, BUT SOMETIMES I ENVY YOU!
CORNELIA'S NOT BEING SERIOUS! AND YET, SHE KNOWS PEOPLE SHOULDN'T EVEN JOKE ABOUT CERTAIN THINGS!


On the other side of town, in the Guardian's apartment, the doors leading onto the terrace suddenly burst open!
SBAM
A little crystal butterfly appears out of nowhere and gently lands on a plant...
...reducing it to ashes!
Then, the tiny creature flutters and heads off undisturbed through the empty house!
It brushes against every object, touches every photograph, seeks and finds everything that brings Cornelia to mind...
...magically **erasing** every trace of the Guardian's life!

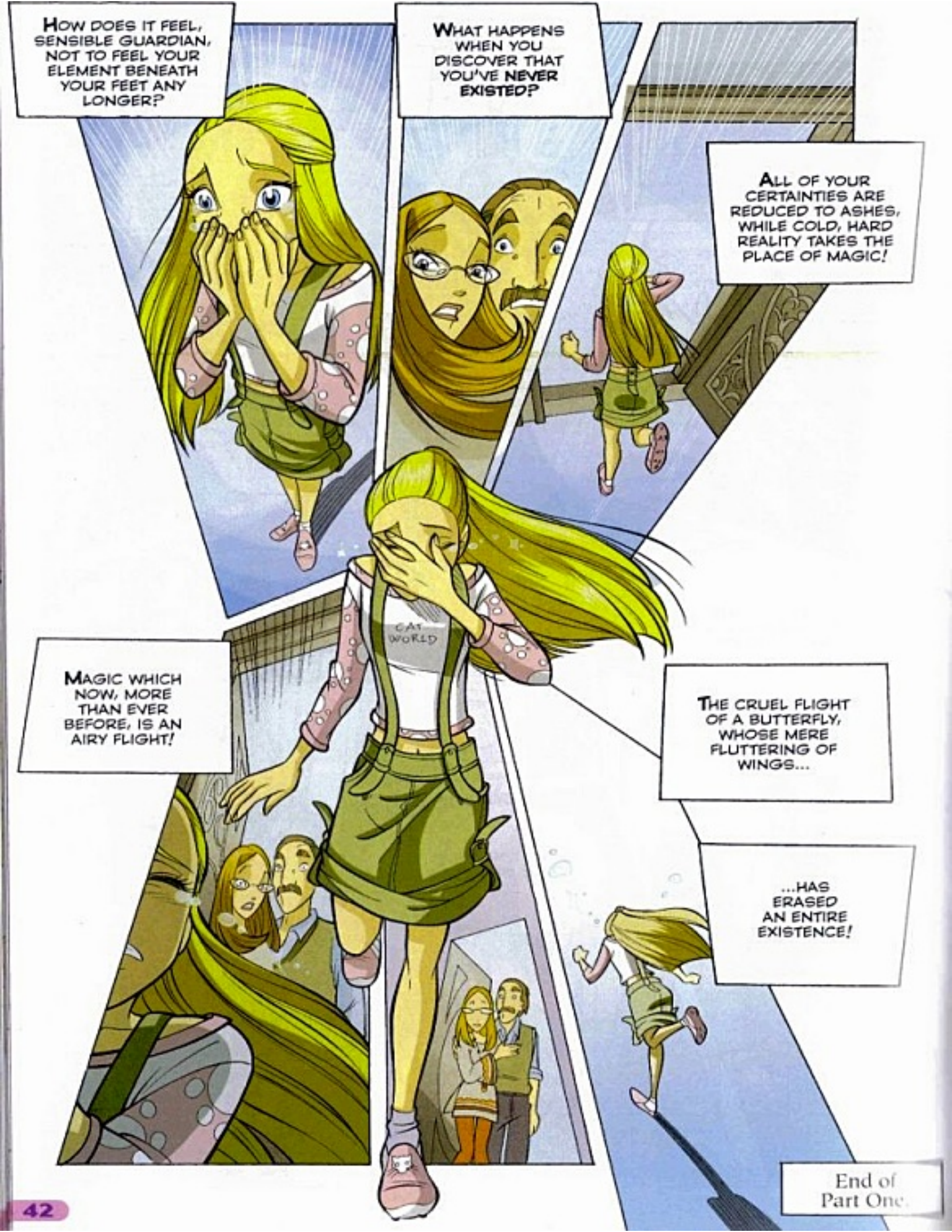

LATER ON, AFTER SCHOOL...
COME ON, CORNY! WHAT'S WRONG, ANYWAY?
YOU HAVEN'T SAID A WORD TO ME THIS WHOLE TRIP! I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE WALKED HOME ALONE!
SORRY, BUT I'M PLANNING OUT MY DAY IN MY MIND!
WE ALL HAVE TO MEET UP AT THE HEADQUARTERS THIS AFTERNOON, OKAY?
BUT WHY?
LET ME REFRESH YOUR MEMORY ABOUT THE ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA! FIRST ENDARNO, SECOND, OUR EXTRA CREDIT!
WE CAN'T ALWAYS USE THAT AS AN EXCUSE FOR NOT BEING AROUND, WITHOUT OUR ASTRAL DROPS TO COVER FOR US!
I MEAN, I DON'T GET WHY WE HAVE TO GO TO MRS. RUDOLPH'S HOUSE TO TALK ABOUT IT!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE ALWAYS HAVE TO INVOLVE ORUBE IN EVERYTHING WE DO!

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT SHE THINKS OF THE NEW ORACLE, AND...
LIAR!
W-WHAT DID YOU JUST CALL ME?
YOU HEARD ME! THE TRUTH IS, YOU'RE AFRAID TO SEE HER...
...ESPECIALLY SINCE THE TWO OF YOU HAD THAT LITTLE SPAT ABOUT MATT!
YOU ALWAYS KNOW EVERYTHING, DON'T YOU? YOU'RE ALWAYS SO SURE OF YOURSELF!
OF COURSE I AM! AM I OR AM I NOT THE SENSIBLE HOLDER OF THE POWERS OF EARTH?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE OFFENDED JUST BECAUSE I TOLD THE TRUTH!
IT'S JUST THAT, LIKE ALWAYS, YOU PICKED EXACTLY THE WRONG WAY TO TELL ME! SEE YOU!

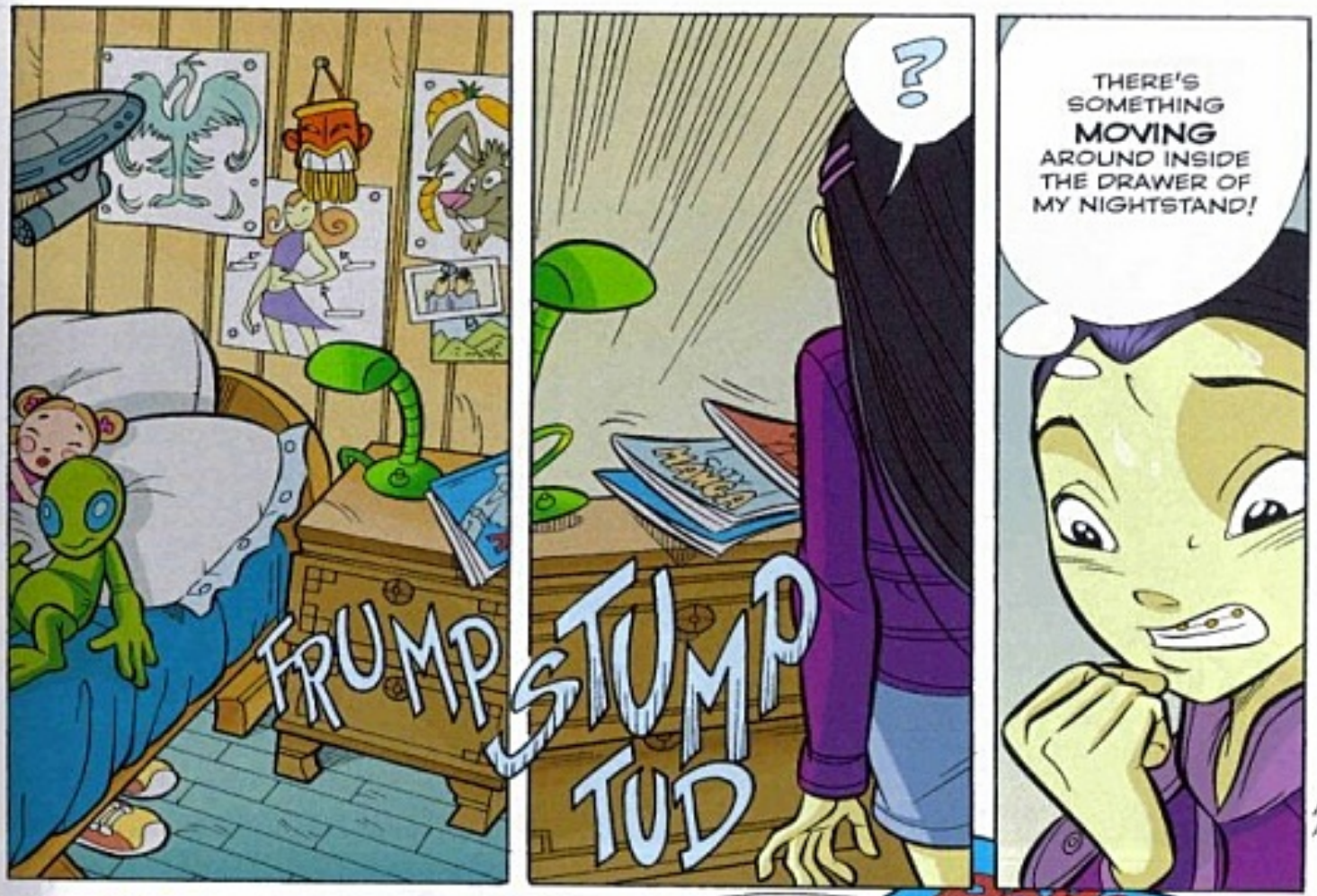

STUPID, STUPID, STUPID! CORNELIA'S DONE EVERYTHING WRONG TODAY!
SHE'D BETTER GET HER ACT TOGETHER, OR ELSE SHE'LL RISK GETTING INTO ANOTHER FIGHT WITH HER MOM WHEN SHE GETS HOME!
WHEN SHE REACHES THE ELEVATOR, SHE GREETS A NEIGHBOR WHO JUST IGNORES HER. HOW RUDE!
WHEN SHE TRIES TO USE HER KEY, SHE DISCOVERS THAT THE LOCK'S BEEN CHANGED! WHY DIDN'T ANYONE WARN HER?
AND THEN, WHY THE SUDDEN NERVOUSNESS? WHY THIS OVERWHELMING FEELING OF EMPTINESS?
BUT SOMEONE OPENS THE DOOR, AND EVERYTHING GOES BACK TO NORMAL, BACK TO HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN!
DON'T SAY ANYTHING! I'M A BIT LATE, BUT IT'S BECAUSE OF MY ANKLE!


PLUS, I STOPPED TO TALK WITH WILL A BIT, AND THEN...
I... I'M SORRY DEAR, BUT...
...WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME WHO YOU ARE?
?
WHAT HAPPENED, ELIZABETH? WHO IS THIS GIRL?
I DON'T KNOW, HAROLD! SHE JUST ENTERED OUR HOUSE AND I...
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? THIS IS ALL A JOKE!
YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M TIRED AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE KIDDING AROUND!
MOMMY...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, LILIAN!
A NATURAL, PROTECTIVE GESTURE! WHY IS HER MOTHER MOVING HER LITTLE SISTER AWAY? WHO IS SHE AFRAID OF?

WHAT'S HAPPENING, CORNELIA? WHY IS YOUR FATHER SO NERVOUS? WHY DOESN'T HE WANT YOU TO GO INTO YOUR...
...BEDROOM?
M-MOM! DAD! WHERE... WHERE'S ALL MY STUFF? MY BED? MY TOYS?
I'M SORRY, DEAR! THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY STUDY, AND WE...
...WE ONLY HAVE ONE DAUGHTER!
"LILIAN!"
ONLY NOW, SEEING THE ALARM AND DISTRESS IN THEIR EYES, DOES CORNELIA UNDERSTAND!


HOW DOES IT FEEL, SENSIBLE GUARDIAN, NOT TO FEEL YOUR ELEMENT BENEATH YOUR FEET ANY LONGER?
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DISCOVER THAT YOU'VE NEVER EXISTED?
ALL OF YOUR CERTAINTIES ARE REDUCED TO ASHES, WHILE COLD, HARD REALITY TAKES THE PLACE OF MAGIC!
CAT WORLD
MAGIC WHICH NOW, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, IS AN AIRY FLIGHT!
THE CRUEL FLIGHT OF A BUTTERFLY, WHOSE MERE FLUTTERING OF WINGS...
...HAS ERASED AN ENTIRE EXISTENCE!
End of Part One

HI, HAY LIN!
HEY, MOM AND DAD! WE'VE STILL GOT CUSTOMERS AT THIS HOUR?
A WHOLE PARTY OF LATECOMERS! IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE EATING LATE TONIGHT!
NO PROBLEM! I'LL BE UP IN MY ROOM!
BUT LATER ON, I HAVE TO SEE CORNELIA AND THE OTHERS! THAT OKAY WITH YOU?
OF COURSE NOT...
...BUT WHO'S CORNELIA? A NEW FRIEND OF YOURS?
?
POOR MOM! SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S BEEN WORKING TOO HARD!
AHHH! HOME SWEET HOME! I CAN'T WAIT TO KICK OFF MY SHOES!


TRUMP
STUMP
TUD
?
THERE'S SOMETHING MOVING AROUND INSIDE THE DRAWER OF MY NIGHTSTAND!

WHAT THE...
IT C-CAN'T BE!
POWER KID
BRAAAM
¡SSSHT!

IT'S SOME SORT OF MINIATURE DRAGON... AND IT DOESN'T LOOK THAT FRIENDLY!
SNORT
YIKES! IT'S COMING THIS WAY! WHATDOIDOWHAT DOIDOWHATDOIDO?
ISSSHT
G-GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU LITTLE BEASTIE! I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!
SNORT
UH-OH! NOW WHAT'S IT DOING? WHY IS IT OPENING ITS MOUTH?
YES, THE SILVER-COLORED DRAGON IS SLOWLY OPENING ITS JAWS! BUT TO SPEAK, OR TO BITE?
WE'LL FIND OUT LATER ON, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE HAVE TO GO SOME PLACE ELSE...
TUMP
TUMP

OH, PLEASE RECOGNIZE ME! PLEASE RECOGNIZE ME!
YES?
P-PETER?
UM, DO I KNOW YOU?
HEY! DON'T GO! DID I... DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?
EVEN HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO I AM! IT'S OVER!
CAT WORLD
CORNELIA!

OH, TARANEE! TARANEE! DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
OH, PLEASE! YOUR EYES MIGHT BE PUFFY FROM CRYING, BUT YOU'RE STILL PRETTY AS ALWAYS!
I... I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE ELSE TO GO! I COULDN'T FIND WILL! YOUR HOUSE WAS THE CLOSEST AND...
HEY! HEY! THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU AT ALL! COME INSIDE!
"WE CAN TALK IT OVER IN MY ROOM..."
THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE!
EVERYTHING I'VE GOT THAT HAS TO DO WITH YOU IS GONE! YOU'VE EVEN DISAPPEARED IN OUR HALLOWEEN SNAPSHOT!
SO YOU WERE SAYING THAT FOR YOUR PARENTS, IT'S LIKE YOU NEVER EVEN EXISTED?
NOT JUST FOR THEM, BUT FOR ALL THE OTHERS, TOO! ACQUAINTANCES, FRIENDS...
BUT YOU RECOGNIZED ME RIGHT AWAY, DIDN'T YOU?
SURE I DID! MAYBE BECAUSE I'M A MAGICAL CREATURE, LIKE YOU!

DO YOU REALLY THINK MAGIC HAS GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT?
THIS MUST BE THE RESULT OF A SPELL! IT'S CERTAINLY NOT JUST A PRACTICAL JOKE!
BUT WHO COULD'VE DONE SOMETHING LIKE THIS? AND WHY?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT WITH THE OTHERS PRETTY SOON. WE HAD PLANS TO MEET UP ANYWAY!
BUT IF WE DON'T SOLVE EVERYTHING RIGHT AWAY, YOU CAN STAY HERE AT MY PLACE TONIGHT!
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! TO YOUR FOLKS, I'M A TOTAL STRANGER!
NO PROBLEM! I'LL JUST INTRODUCE YOU TO THEM ALL OVER AGAIN!
MAY I?
I MADE THESE FOR YOU TWO! I'LL SET THEM HERE AND LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE, ALL RIGHT? SEE YOU!
THEN IT'S AGREED? YOU'LL STAY OVER?
UM... I GUESS I WILL!

LATER ON, AT THE HOME OF REBECCA RUDOLPH, ALIAS ORUBE...
LOOKS LIKE I'M THE FIRST ONE TO SHOW UP! CAN I COME IN?
SURE! THIS IS YOUR HOME, TOO!
WE'VE SAID EVERYTHING THERE IS TO SAY, HAVEN'T WE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL WHAT I MEAN! MAYBE IT'S BETTER IF WE TALKED ABOUT YOU, ME, AND MATT!
TALK AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE, BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE STANDING AROUND AND LISTENING TO YOU!
I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HIM AT ALL! HE'S JUST A FRIEND TO ME!
OH, IS HE? FINE! THE SAME GOES FOR ME!
THE ARGUMENT ENDS WITH AN ICY TONE. WHO KNOWS IF THE GIRLS WERE BEING HONEST...

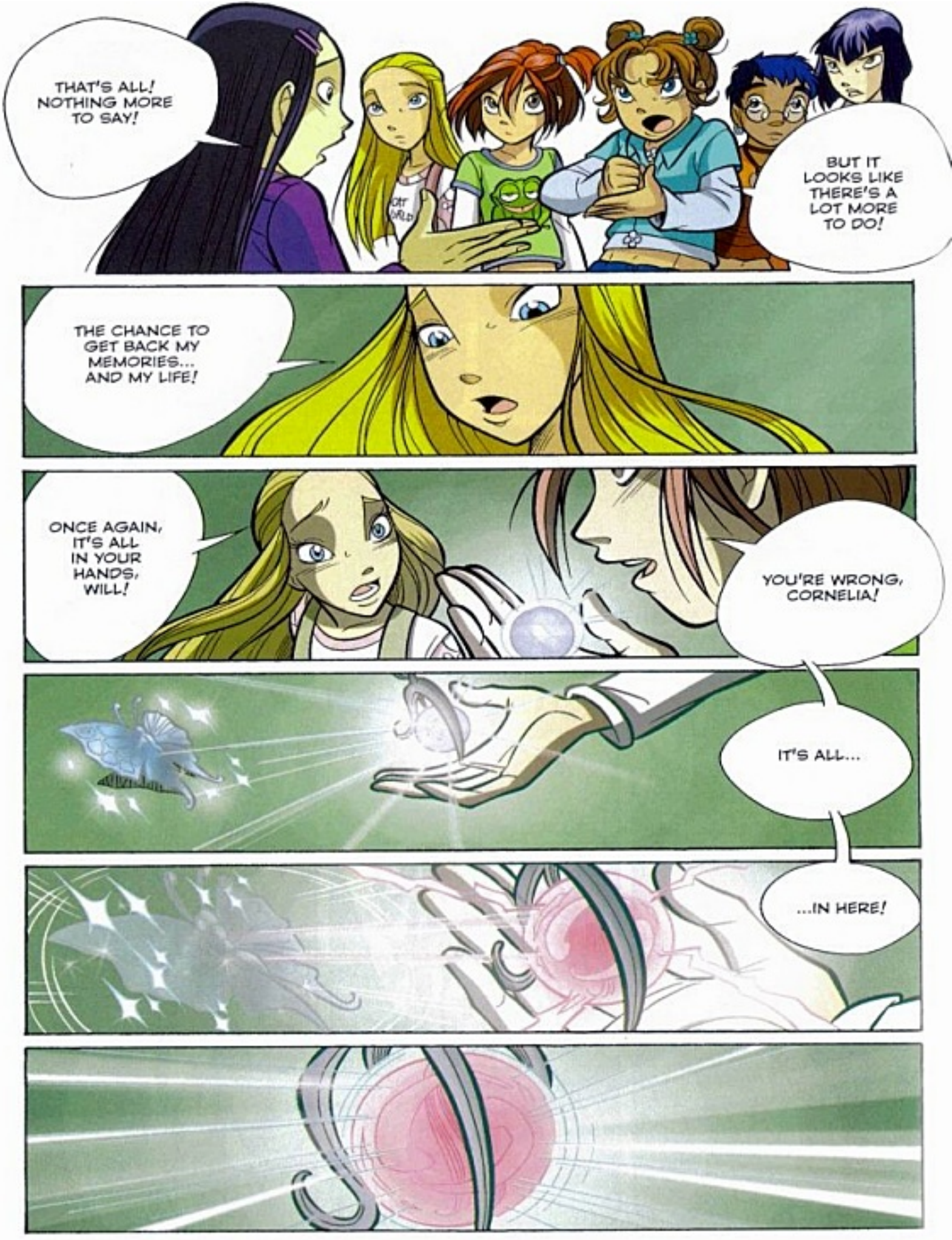
WILL IS STILL IN LOVE WITH MATT, AND ORUBE FEELS SOMETHING FOR HIM, TOO!
ALTHOUGH IN HER CASE IT'S NOT LOVE, BUT PLAIN, SIMPLE GRATITUDE!
THANKS TO MATT AND HIS KINDNESS, ORUBE DOESN'T FEEL AS LONELY... OR AS "ALIEN" AS SHE DID BEFORE!
LATER ON, THE OTHER GUARDIANS SHOW UP AND THE DISCUSSION FOCUSES ON WHAT'S HAPPENING TO CORNELIA!
SHE BARELY HEARS A WORD THEY'RE SAYING. SHE JUST SITS THERE, WATCHING HER FRIENDS, SURE THAT SHE'S FOUND HER SAFE HAVEN!
YES! ALL OF HER CERTAINTY IS HERE, IN THESE GIRLS!

STAND BACK, FOLKS! HOT STUFF COMING THROUGH!
I ALREADY KNOW, IRMA! I EVEN KNOW WHO'S BEHIND IT!
COME ON, HAY-HEY! YOU SHOW UP LATE AND YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO CORNY?
35
THAT IS, WHAT IS BEHIND IT!
A CRYSTAL BUTTERFLY?
IT LOOKS ALIVE!
DON'T BE FOOLED! IT'S DANGEROUS!
THE POOR THING'S GOT A BROKEN WING!
IT LOOKS SWEET TO ME!
SURE, IT LOOKS SWEET! BUT LISTEN TO WHAT HAPPENED TO ME THIS AFTERNOON...

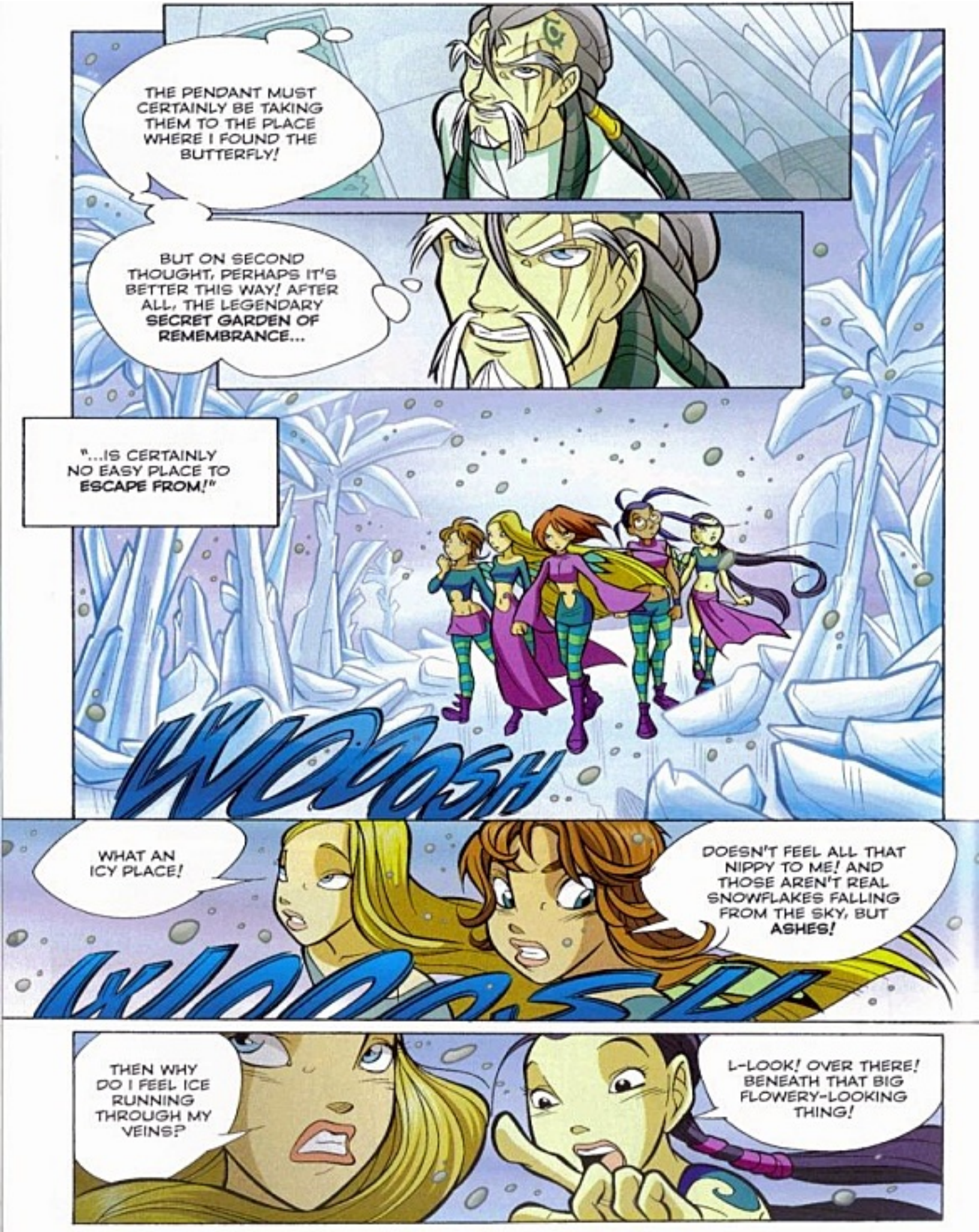
"IT ALL STARTED WITH A LITTLE DRAGON BEARING HIS FANGS..."
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT IN YOUR MOUTH? IT LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF BUTTERFLY!
SNORT
WOOOSH
HEY! NO NEED TO GET ALL HUFFY!
IT JUST WANTS TO KEEP YOU FROM TOUCHING THAT BUTTERFLY, HAY LIN!
GRANDMA!
WHAT'S GOING ON? IF YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME, WHY DIDN'T YOU SUMMON ME TO KANDRAKAR?
BECAUSE I SUSPECT THAT THIS EVIL LITTLE CREATURE HAS COME FROM RIGHT HERE!
?

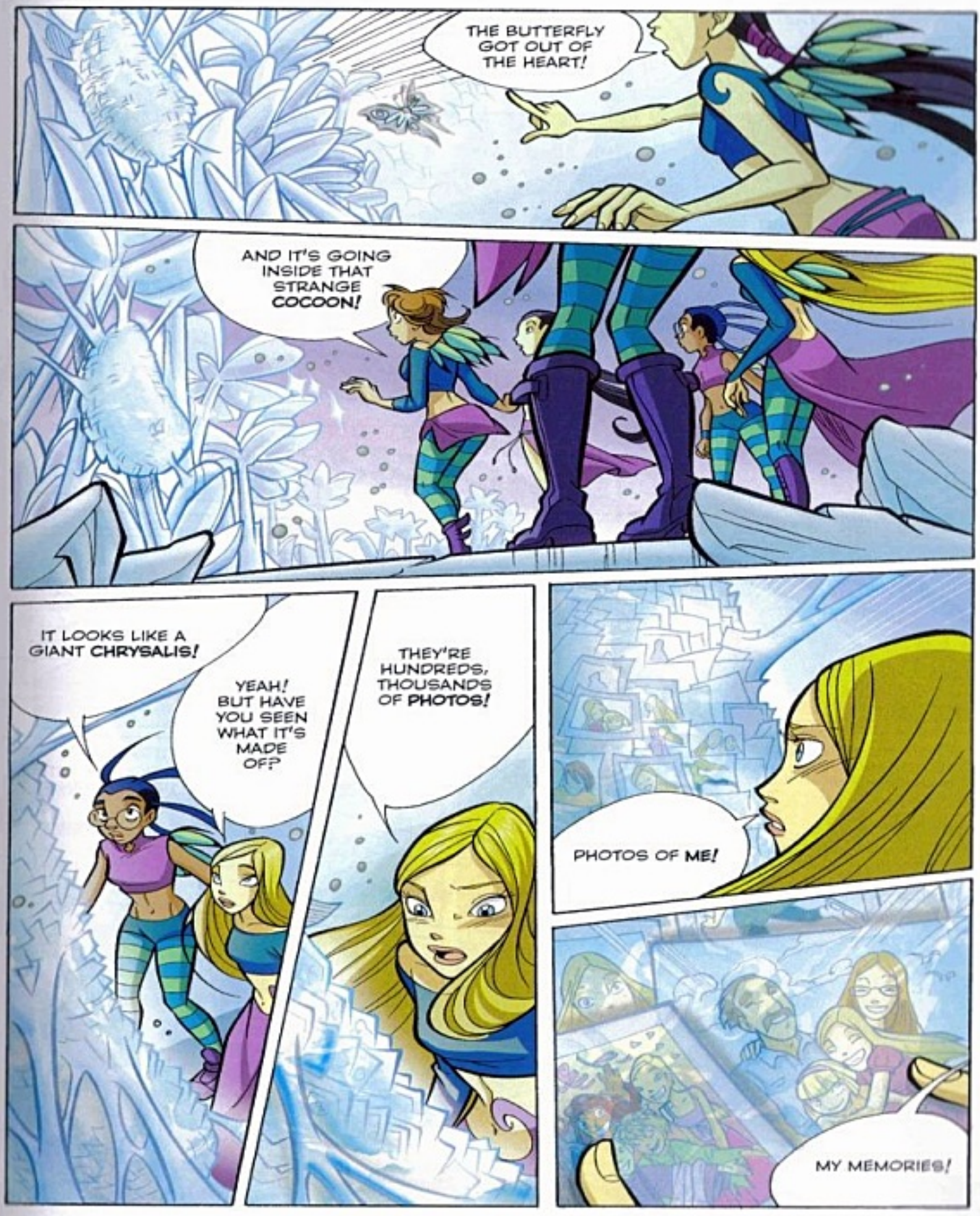
IT BEARS WITHIN IT AN ELABORATE SPELL THAT ONLY A VERY **POWERFUL** BEING COULD HAVE CAST!
IT WAS INSIDE YOUR NIGHTSTAND DRAWER BECAUSE IT WAS ERASING ALL MEMORIES CONNECTED TO **CORNELIA!**
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
ITS ENCHANTED INTENTIONS ARE DARK, JUST LIKE THE PERSON WHO SENT IT. BUT DON'T WORRY! YOU WILL SOON FIND THE ANSWERS.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS LET THE BUTTERFLY NEAR THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR! IF THERE IS A **REACTION...**
...THEN THE HEART WILL GIVE CORNELIA THE CHANCE TO RECOVER HER MEMORIES AND HER **LIFE!**
I HAVE TO GO NOW! THIS CORRESPONDENCE MIGHT BE UNDER **SURVEILLANCE!**
WAIT! THERE'S SOMETHING YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME YET...

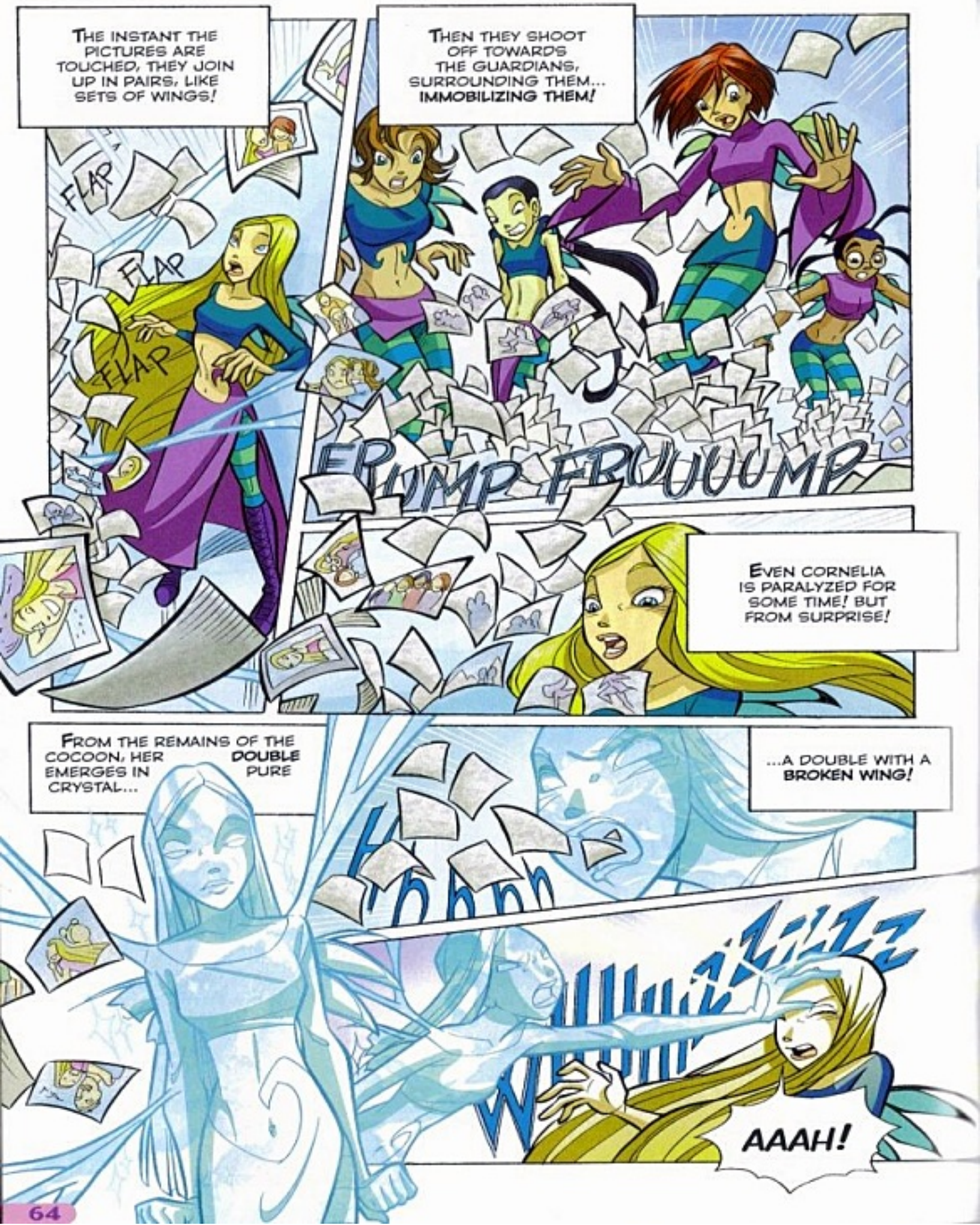
WHO'S THE DRAGON?
OH, HIM? HE'S JUST A GUARD! HE'S BEEN PROTECTING OUR FAMILY FOR MANY GENERATIONS!
GIVE HIM YOUR THANKS, MY CHILD! AND THEN...
snort!
...ALLOW HIM...
...TO GO BACK TO SLEEP!
THE SILVER DRAGON
THE SILVER DRAGON


THAT'S ALL! NOTHING MORE TO SAY!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A LOT MORE TO DO!
THE CHANCE TO GET BACK MY MEMORIES... AND MY LIFE!
ONCE AGAIN, IT'S ALL IN YOUR HANDS, WILL!
YOU'RE WRONG, CORNELIA!
IT'S ALL...
...IN HERE!

CURSES ON YAN LIN AND HER GUARD!
SBAM
I HAD HOPED THE BUTTERFLY WOULD COMPLETE ITS MISSION TO THE FULLEST...
...BY SILENTLY ERASING THE LIFE OF EACH OF THE GUARDIANS, ONE BY ONE!
THAT'S ALL I WANTED! TO HAVE THEM FEEL INSECURE AND DESPERATE, LIKE THEIR ASTRAL DROPS!
AND INSTEAD, THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR CAPTURED THE BUTTERFLY AND TRANSFORMED THE GIRLS...
...TO TAKE THEM RIGHT WHERE THE ANSWER LIES!


THE PENDANT MUST CERTAINLY BE TAKING THEM TO THE PLACE WHERE I FOUND THE BUTTERFLY!
BUT ON SECOND THOUGHT, PERHAPS IT'S BETTER THIS WAY! AFTER ALL, THE LEGENDARY SECRET GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE...
"...IS CERTAINLY NO EASY PLACE TO ESCAPE FROM!"
WHOOSH
WHAT AN ICY PLACE!
DOESN'T FEEL ALL THAT NIPPY TO ME! AND THOSE AREN'T REAL SNOWFLAKES FALLING FROM THE SKY, BUT ASHES!
THEN WHY DO I FEEL ICE RUNNING THROUGH MY VEINS?
L-LOOK! OVER THERE! BENEATH THAT BIG FLOWERY-LOOKING THING!


THE BUTTERFLY GOT OUT OF THE HEART!
AND IT'S GOING INSIDE THAT STRANGE COCOON!
IT LOOKS LIKE A GIANT CHRYSALIS!
YEAH! BUT HAVE YOU SEEN WHAT IT'S MADE OF?
THEY'RE HUNDREDS, THOUSANDS OF PHOTOS!
PHOTOS OF ME!
MY MEMORIES!


THE INSTANT THE PICTURES ARE TOUCHED, THEY JOIN UP IN PAIRS, LIKE SETS OF WINGS!
THEN THEY SHOOT OFF TOWARDS THE GUARDIANS, SURROUNDING THEM... IMMOBILIZING THEM!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
PUMP FRUUUUMP
EVEN CORNELIA IS PARALYZED FOR SOME TIME! BUT FROM SURPRISE!
FROM THE REMAINS OF THE COCOON, HER DOUBLE EMERGES IN PURE CRYSTAL...
...A DOUBLE WITH A BROKEN WING!
AAAH!

THE BLINK OF AN EYE...
...A FLUTTER OF WINGS...
...AND CORNELIA FINDS HERSELF FLOATING LIKE AN INVISIBLE SPIRIT...
...THROUGH HER OWN PAST!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! THAT'S THE TERRACE OF MY HOUSE...
...AND THAT'S ME, A FEW YEARS AGO!

THAT PLANT... NOW I REMEMBER! IT WAS DYING AND I WAS SO SAD...

I HOPED WITH ALL MY HEART THAT IT WOULD COME BACK TO LIFE...

...AND THAT'S WHEN I DISCOVERED I WAS MAGICAL!

YES! THERE I AM! EXCITED! AMAZED! STILL UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND...

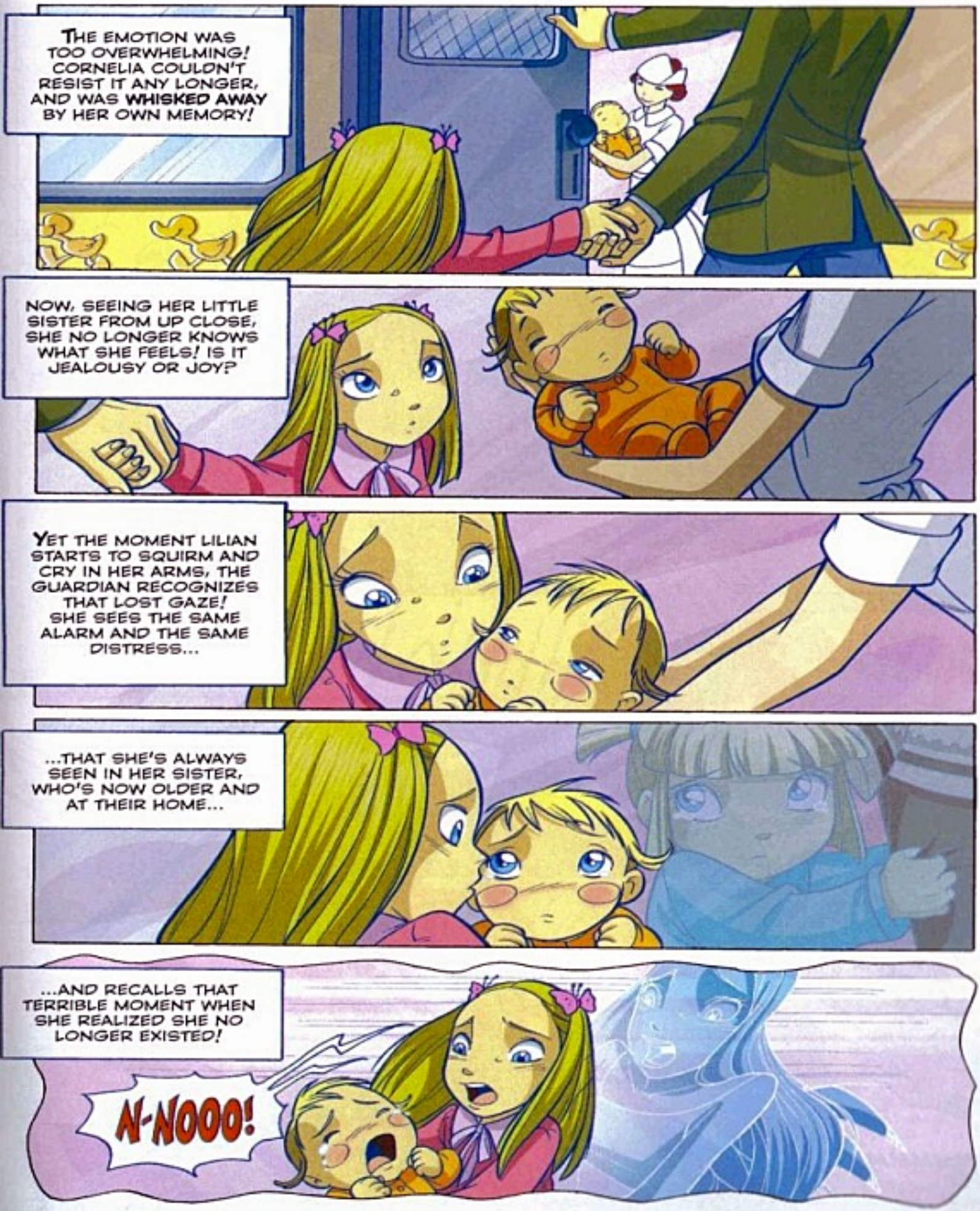
BUT THIS... THIS IS ONLY A MEMORY! AND I SHOULDN'T BE HERE!
Y-YES... I... I HAVE TO... I HAVE TO GO!

THE BLINK OF AN EYE...
...A FLUTTER OF WINGS...
...AND...
NOW WHERE AM I? AND WHERE ARE MY FRIENDS?
HANG ON! THIS IS MERIDIAN AND THAT'S...
...CALEB!
THIS IS THE MOMENT I MET HIM! THE MOMENT I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM!

CALEB! OH, CALEB! I WISH I COULD RELIVE THIS MOMENT WITH YOU FOREVER!
B-BUT... NO! I CAN'T STAY! I DON'T WANT TO STAY!
FORGIVE ME, BUT I FEEL I HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM ALL OF THIS!
AWAY... FAR AWAY... RIGHT NOW...
ONCE AGAIN, THE BLINK OF AN EYE...
...AND A FLUTTER OF WINGS...

I DON'T THINK I RECOGNIZE THIS PLACE! WHERE AM I?
IT LOOKS LIKE A HOSPITAL WARD! WHAT COULD...
DAD?
YOU SEE HER? SHE'S THE THIRD ONE ON THE RIGHT! CAN YOU SEE HER...
...CORNELIA?
YEAH! THERE SHE IS!
THAT'S MY LITTLE SISTER LILIAN? AND SHE'S COMING TO OUR HOUSE?
NOT YET, HONEY! BUT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PLAY WITH HER REAL SOON!
YAY! BUT WE'RE BRINGING HER BACK HERE AFTER, RIGHT?

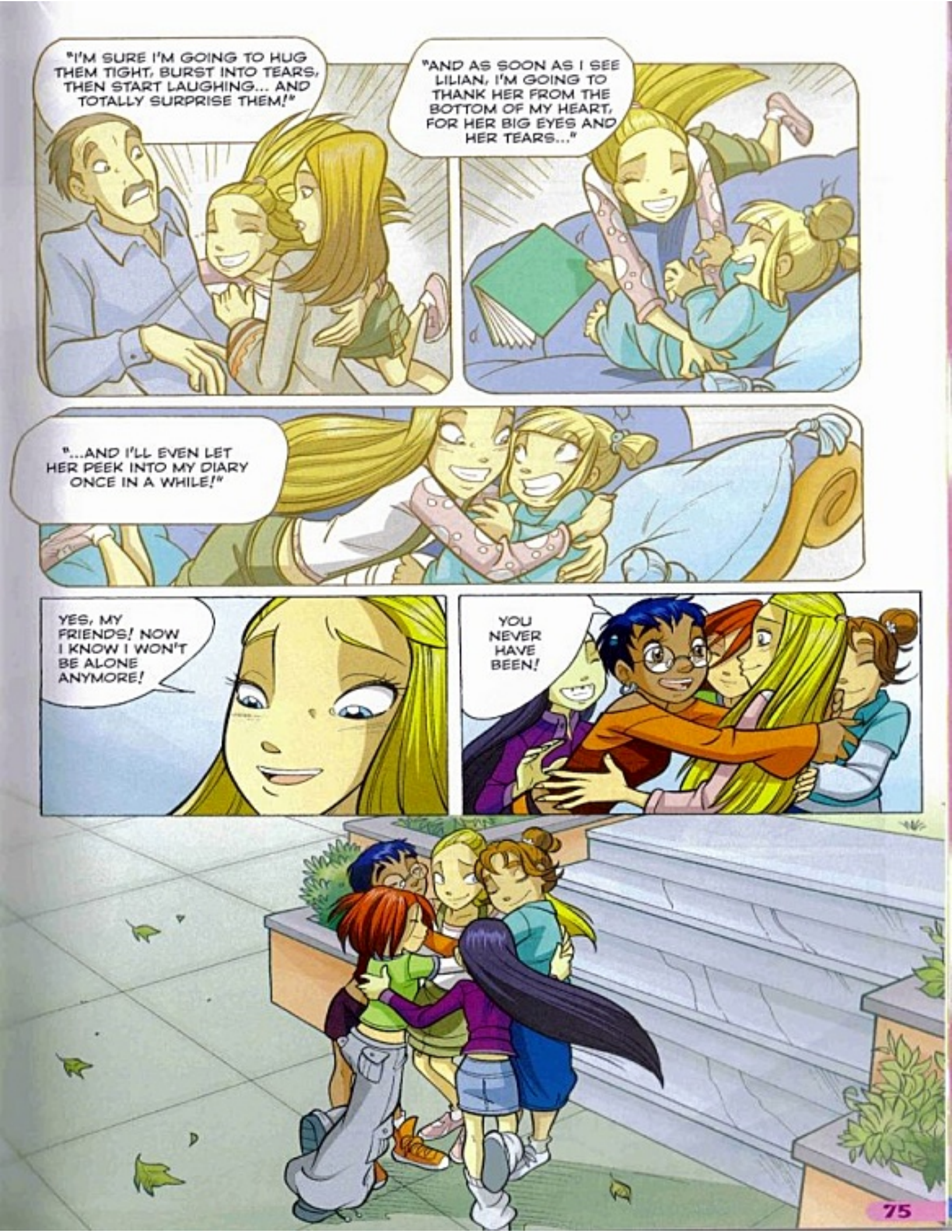
THE BLINK OF AN EYE...
...A FLUTTER OF WINGS...
...AND THE THUMPING OF A LITTLE GIRL'S **HEART**...
THAT'S WHAT CORNELIA FEELS RIGHT NOW, AS SHE STOPS BEING A SPIRIT...
...AND STARTS SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH THE EYES OF HER YOUNGER SELF!
YES, CORNELIA NO LONGER LIMITS HERSELF TO OBSERVING HER OWN PAST! NOW **SHE'S A PART OF IT!**
DADDY, CAN I LOOK AT LILIAN A LITTLE CLOSER?
OF COURSE YOU CAN! COME WITH ME!

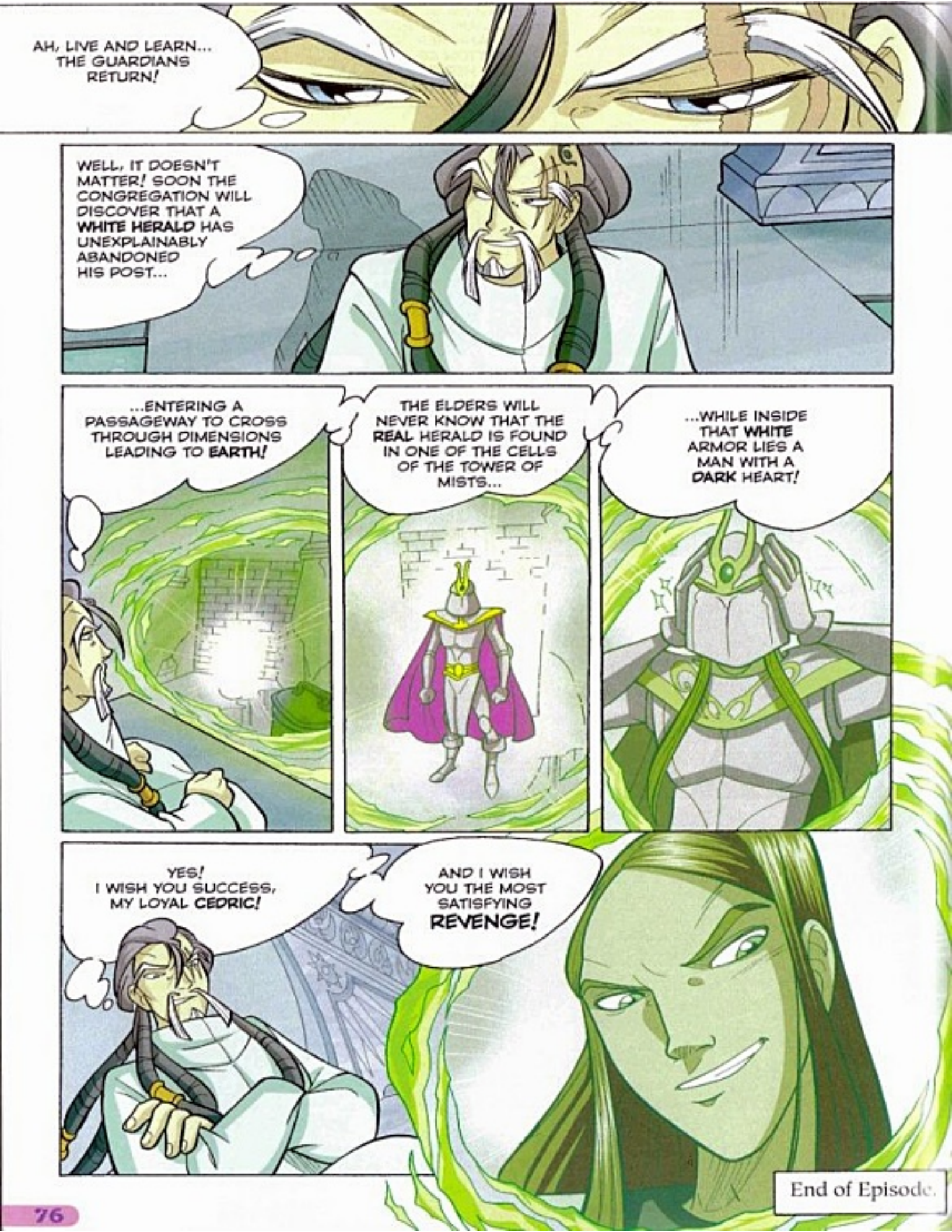

THE EMOTION WAS TOO OVERWHELMING! CORNELIA COULDN'T RESIST IT ANY LONGER, AND WAS **WHISKED AWAY** BY HER OWN MEMORY!
NOW, SEEING HER LITTLE SISTER FROM UP CLOSE, SHE NO LONGER KNOWS WHAT SHE FEELS! IS IT JEALOUSY OR JOY?
YET THE MOMENT LILIAN STARTS TO SQUIRM AND CRY IN HER ARMS, THE GUARDIAN RECOGNIZES THAT LOST GAZE! SHE SEES THE SAME ALARM AND THE SAME DISTRESS...
...THAT SHE'S ALWAYS SEEN IN HER SISTER, WHO'S NOW OLDER AND AT THEIR HOME...
...AND RECALLS THAT TERRIBLE MOMENT WHEN SHE REALIZED SHE NO LONGER EXISTED!
N-NOOO!

NOOO!
W-WHAT? WHERE...
WOOOSH
Hhhhh
CORNELIA!
NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME, WHATEVER YOU ARE!
SHAAAATZ
GO AWAY! GO AWAY!
Hhhhhh
MMMMM!!!
KREEECK

"WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?"
"WHO WAS THAT CREATURE? WAS SHE GOOD OR WAS SHE EVIL?"
"BUT MOST OF ALL, WHAT DID SHE WANT FROM ME?"
"WHO KNOWS? MAYBE SHE JUST WANTED ME TO STAY THERE WITH HER... FOREVER!"
"MAYBE I WOULD HAVE BECOME A GLASSY MEMORY TOO, IMPRISONED IN A GARDEN OF ASHES!"
"ALL I KNOW IS THAT IT'S A GOOD THING WE'VE LEFT THAT SAD, DESOLATE PLACE..."

...AND I KNOW THAT MY REAL LIFE IS HERE IN HEATHERFIELD, NOW!
CAT WORLD
HERE'S YOUR HOUSE! YOU WANT US TO GO UP WITH YOU?
THANKS, TARANEE, BUT I THINK I CAN HANDLE IT!
DON'T ASK ME WHY, BUT I'M SURE THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR HAS ALREADY STRAIGHTENED EVERYTHING OUT!
I'M SURE THIS KEY WILL OPEN UP THE DOOR TO MY HOUSE AGAIN!
"AS SOON AS I WALK THROUGH THE DOOR, MOM AND DAD WILL RECOGNIZE ME..."
"...AND THEY'LL PROBABLY YELL AT ME FOR COMING HOME LATE!"


"I'M SURE I'M GOING TO HUG THEM TIGHT, BURST INTO TEARS, THEN START LAUGHING... AND TOTALLY SURPRISE THEM!"
"AND AS SOON AS I SEE LILIAN, I'M GOING TO THANK HER FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, FOR HER BIG EYES AND HER TEARS..."
"...AND I'LL EVEN LET HER PEEK INTO MY DIARY ONCE IN A WHILE!"
YES, MY FRIENDS! NOW I KNOW I WON'T BE ALONE ANYMORE!
YOU NEVER HAVE BEEN!


AH, LIVE AND LEARN... THE GUARDIANS RETURN!
WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER! SOON THE CONGREGATION WILL DISCOVER THAT A WHITE HERALD HAS UNEXPLAINABLY ABANDONED HIS POST...
...ENTERING A PASSAGEWAY TO CROSS THROUGH DIMENSIONS LEADING TO EARTH!
THE ELDERS WILL NEVER KNOW THAT THE REAL HERALD IS FOUND IN ONE OF THE CELLS OF THE TOWER OF MISTS...
...WHILE INSIDE THAT WHITE ARMOR LIES A MAN WITH A DARK HEART!
YES! I WISH YOU SUCCESS, MY LOYAL CEDRIC!
AND I WISH YOU THE MOST SATISFYING REVENGE!
End of Episode.